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NOTES FROM FRANCE.

PARIS IN PASSION WEEK—POLITICS—GENERAL GOSSIP.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Friday, April 3, 1874.

"Good Friday" was ushered in by a heavy fall of rain, and the morning has been as disagreeable as any since the beginning of the year. This being Passion Week, there are extraordinary services in all the churches, and some of the theatres have closed their doors. To-night there are no performances, but in the places of public worship some very fine spectacles are announced. The ceremonies at Saint Roch, for instance, are very curious and imposing. The passion is given in the highest style known to modern religious art. The figures are life-size, and the whole scene is given in a manner which would be creditable to any stage. Throughout the entire day the services are very interesting and very curious to the Protestant stranger in our rich Catholic city. At 1 o'clock there is a fine service at Saint Eustache, where the artists of the opera, assisted by a large number of amateurs, will give Rossini's "Stabat Mater." The choruses will be under the direction of M. Hurand, and the orchestra will be led by M. Accursi. M. Batiste will preside at the grand organ. Probably these names will have no great effect upon the minds of American readers, but here these persons are well enough known in the musical world to insure a large crowd. At Saint Roch, *ténèbres* are announced for 4 o'clock this afternoon, and the "Stabat Mater" for 8 o'clock this evening. The Parisians will crowd their churches for this one day in the year, just as they crowd their cemeteries on the 2d of November, and it is necessary to give a certain spectacular character to the ceremonies of *Vendredi Saint*. During Passion Week fasting is *de rigueur*, and as a necessary consequence fish have attained a price which is nearly fabulous. Having no conscientious scruples in this matter of diet, I could eat a comfortable beef-steak to-day without feeling myself too great a sinner; yet out of respect for the sentiments of my neighbors and friends, I have confined myself strictly to a church diet. But I have this great advantage over my French friends: I am very fond of hominy, and know how to appreciate the canned preparations of several American firms, which are really excellent, but which are not popular here. Hence, *faisant maigre*, I have yet "lived in clover," and have not shocked the social sensibilities of my good Parisian friends. As a general thing I am inclined to think that this fasting is considered more of a social than a religious obligation, and whenever one can, even with some considerable sacrifice, respect the rules of polite society, I think it better to do so. Some of these rules may seem trivial at first glance, but all of them have some *raison d'être* which will bear examination. During the past week the milliners and modistes have been full of work, yet no lady who respects herself would think of putting on a new dress or new hat until after the Passion Week. On Easter Sunday we shall see every one out in the latest fashions, and I shall make a point of going to the races on Sunday next, in order to get some notes on the fashions for the benefit of my lady readers.

POLITICAL THEMES.

The leading subject of the day disposed of in my imperfect way I have now to look about for further news. The Assembly has taken its Easter holiday, and the members are now in the full enjoyment of their *villegiatura*, but for the members of the press there is no vacation. They have to discuss the "order of the day" from one year's end to another. As a general thing, however, journalists are apt to find dull times during the Parliamentary vacations, but at this moment the journalistic horizon is charged with black and heavy clouds in every direction. In whatever way we turn our eyes they fall upon some stirring and interesting affair. In Germany we have the illness of the great Chancellor, Parliamentary battles, increasing struggles between the civil and religious powers, the reorganization of a vast army, and the arrest of Bishops; in Greece, another Ministerial crisis, and the resignation of the Bulgaris Cabinet; in Italy, a rising cloud still hanging over the Vatican; in Spain, torrents of blood flowing in the vicinity of Bilboa; in France, the manifesto of the "Republican Union," the suspension of the City Council of Marseilles, the heated polemics of the Legitimist journals, the reports of the Committee of Thirty upon the constitutional projects, and the escape of Rochefort from Noumea. Each of these questions must have its turn, but I take a point from here and there for my letter to-day. And first, perhaps, should be placed the debates of the French press upon the validity of the present Government. When the powers of Marshal MacMahon were prolonged for seven years, the sole intention was to affirm the provisional Government and to give it a fixed duration, upon the basis of the Pact of Bordeaux. No one thought that this vote could constitute a Government. But the men in power now raise the pretension that the Septennat is a regular and not a provisional Government, and hence that any attack upon it is a misdemeanor coming within the meaning of the law. M. De Broglie now goes so far as to say that he cannot allow a doubt to be expressed, and will not permit the parties to work for their several pretendants. This interpretation is not relished by any one, but it is based upon the time-honored continental principle of first getting possession of the power in as legal a manner as possible, and then impose silence upon your adversaries. But the Legitimists are not willing to accept this view of the Septennat, and for some days past they have been making some sharp criticisms upon M. De Broglie's interpretation. The *Union* states that it has received from the Minister of the Interior a semi-official invitation to moderate its discussions upon the Septennat. It comments upon the vote as follows:

"The Duke De Broglie and M. Baragnon think that we have outstepped the proper limits of criticism in applying to the Septennat the words of M. Weiss: 'The Conservative Republic is nonsense.' According to the explanations given to us there is an essential difference between the two. The Conservative Republic had no legal consecration, while the Septennat, on the contrary, in the opinion professed by the Minister of the Interior, was regularly established by the law of the 20th November. We will remark to that member of the Cabinet, and his Under Secretary of State, that the law of the 20th November simply prolonged the powers of Marshal De MacMahon. We respect that law, but it is not the Septennat just defined by the Duke De Broglie before the Committee of Thirty. That system will only exist from the day on which it shall be organized, and the precise object of such a Constitution would be to found an authority which would not be indissolubly attached to the person of the Marshal. The Septennat is therefore in opposition with the act of the 20th November, and we who discuss it are not the parties who should be reminded of the respect due to the law. We are, therefore, resolved to exercise our rights and to sacrifice nothing of our liberty of judgment."

This is the doctrine which has been held by others; but owing to the danger of expressing it, the other party organs have waited for the *Union* to speak. If it were true, as claimed, that the vote prolonging the powers of Marshal MacMahon constituted a regular Government, there would be no earthly use for the constitutional project now under discussion; but it is just because the Cabinet feels that it has no solid ground beneath its feet that it is now calling so loudly for these laws. The Legitimists have determined to resist M. De Broglie's interpretation of the Septennat; the Bonapartists will resist his Electoral law, and if the two parties should find a common basis for an alliance the De Broglie Ministry would find itself in a minority of some thirty votes. The only possible way to get out of the dilemma is by carrying things with a high hand, and if this should not succeed it will only make the reaction more violent.

SIGNIFICANT ELECTIONS.

The elections of Sunday last were a great blow to the Ministry. In the Haute-Marne and the Gironde pronounced Republicans were elected, and in the latter department the Bonapartist candidate obtained more than twice as many votes as the Royalist, although the latter was openly patronized by the Government. This has shown that the Bonapartists have obtained a strong voice in the Conservative Party, and must be consulted in all future elections. The only way a Conservative can be elected is to put forward an open, outspoken Bonapartist. If he is supported by all the men who call themselves Conservative he has a chance of being elected, but the presentation of a Royalist in any department is now certain defeat. M. De Broglie's heart begins to fail him, but he has not quite lost confidence in his plan of destroying popular suffrage, or he still clings to it as a forlorn hope. But my own opinion is that the reduction of the voters by three millions will not guarantee the election of a single Orleanist or Legitimist Deputy. All the large towns will elect Republicans, and the rural districts will send partisans of the Empire to Versailles. As things are now going on, the Republicans have the lead in the race, and their idea is to arrive first, and then suppress their only formidable antagonist by force.

DISHONEST CITY FATHERS.

The Prefect of the Bouches-du-Rhone has just dissolved the Municipal Council of Marseilles by a rather brusque and brutal order. The news of this step created a marked sensation here, and the Republican journals were preparing their loudest thunder for the Administration when news came which modified their views. It was at first supposed that the object was entirely political, and that a new difficulty had arisen on account of the radical tendencies of the Marseilles Council. But the prefectoral order reposes upon a very different order of facts. In an official manner, in a document which will be historical, the council of one of our largest cities is openly accused of theft. Perhaps robbery is a better word in this case, for the City Fathers of Marseilles have been charged with the disgustingly mean crime of robbing the poor. They appropriated the public charities. Owing to the distress prevailing in all our large towns a system of charity was organized destined to carry out the plans inaugurated by the Empress Eugenie. Bonds were issued by the Mayor of each arrondissement, or countersigned by him, and then sent to each citizen in the district who pays a certain amount of taxes. For example, the other day I received a formidable-looking document under the seal of my Mayor (ninth arrondissement) in which was a note saying that 20 francs worth of bonds had been sent me for distribution among the poor of my surroundings; and this was followed by the remark that organized charity, certified by the Mayor to prevent fraud, had been found the most effective. A week later a bill for twenty francs worth of bonds was sent in to me. Of course one has the right of refusing, but no one cares to do so. Well, the same system was adopted in Marseilles, and a very large sum of money was obtained in each arrondissement. This money was very quietly pocketed by the City Fathers, and the poor were referred to the ordinary city charities, which exist all the year round, and are supported by regular taxes. The details of this little "Ring" affair have not yet reached us, but I fancy that the Prefect must have followed your course in New-York, and made quite sure of his facts and proofs before taking decided action.

ROCHEFORT'S ESCAPE.

The escape of Rochefort has led to a great many newspaper articles, and once more the notorious *Lanternier* is the hero of the boulevards. Public opinion is very strong against him. There is no doubt that Rochefort did invite the burning of several buildings in Paris, and pointed out those which should be fired by the crowd. This constitutes a very grave offense, and one which will, I hope, remove all ideas of giving him an ovation in America; but at the same time I do not think Rochefort as guilty as Jules Simon, Jules Trochu, Jules Favre, Jules Picard, Jules Gambetta, and the other Jules who managed to save themselves from condemnation. If Rochefort will only remain quiet for a time he will again be popular, but want of money will probably push him to show himself in public. There is a rumor that he will give a series of lectures in the United States, and if he should it will be deeply regretted by Americans in France. We did not like the idea of "L'Oncle Sam," and the same feeling will be found among the French if a man so much detested as Rochefort is feted in our country.

THE NEDERLAND BEING TOWED INTO PORT.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CAPE MAY, N. J., April 19.—The steam-ship Nederland, in tow of the tug America, passed into the Capes at 9 o'clock this morning. She was making good progress, as her convoy was under full headway, and from the great distance at which she was observed, (ten miles,) it appeared that several small steam-vessels accompanied her. It is thought by pilots here that she cannot reach port before to-morrow morning, as it has taken her over a day to travel about sixty miles.

THE NEDERLAND ANCHORED OFF FORT DELAWARE.

PHILADELPHIA, April 19.—The steam-ship Nederland passed Lewes, Del., at 7 A. M. to-day for this port, towed by the tugs America and Relief. She anchored off Fort Delaware at 6 P. M.

THE NEW RAILROAD LAW IN THE WEST.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 19.—A morning paper publishes an interview with Hon. Alexander Mitchell, President of the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, in which he says with respect to the law passed by the last Legislature that the road cannot run under it. He further says that the company will first test the constitutionality of the act in the courts, and if beaten there will take off all trains.

DARING ROBBERY.

UTICA, N. Y., April 19.—Some daring thieves when unobserved, on Saturday night last, stole a mail-bag from a truck in the depot, on which it was placed while waiting for the train. The bag contained all the mail from Utica to New-York. There is no clue to the thieves.

LONG BRANCH.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMING SEASON.

GROWTH OF THE WATERING-PLACE—IMPROVEMENTS—NEEDS OF THE TOWN—WHAT THE COTTAGE-OWNERS ARE DOING.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONG BRANCH, Saturday, April 18, 1874.

I am here perched up in a corner of one of the greatest Summer hotels in the world, something like a hermit crab in the deserted shell of some giant mollusk. The entourage is not absolutely agreeable; in fact, not to put too fine a point upon it, there would be no falsehood in describing it as dismal. For the voices of the sea and air will make themselves heard, no matter how closely I bury myself in the inner rooms, and attempt to create a diversion of feeling by piling wood into the stove, or letting the tongs fall in an absent-minded way upon the tail of the watch-dog, who has made friends with me, and has come to keep me company. For the wind is due east, and comes shrieking across the Atlantic laden with all the sobbings and exclamations of the weary waves, and pours all its accumulation of dismal sounds right upon the Ocean Hotel; seeming, indeed, out of malice prepense, to select with special aim the particular keyhole of my door. Nor is this all. The telegraph wires that run along the beach have transformed themselves into an Æolian harp, and are sending out the wildest, saddest traumerei that ever imagination heard from the hidden musician that lurks in every brain. If these musical wires would keep it up it would be all right, and I should get accustomed to the unearthly strains. But they only do this at intervals, and for the life of me I cannot help thinking that is is a signal of distress from somewhere, transmogrified by the winds with rhythmic wailings.

In spite of all this terrible weather, in spite of the fact that it is probably snowing in Albany and away down East, careless of the tremendous frost that last Sunday curtained all the fountains of New-York City with pendent icicles, the brave Long Branchers are already commencing their preparations for the Summer season. Business at the Branch is not a speculation but a certainty. Seasons may vary, thousands may come, or tens of thousands on particular days, or for special weeks, but there is and will be, for longer than the writer will have opportunities of judging, a regular and increasing attendance of Summer visitors. The Branchers are fond of comparing their home with Brighton in England, and there is much truth in the comparison. Long Branch does, without exaggeration, fulfill nearly all the conditions which have built up the great watering-place of England. I believe that in time our city by the sea will be superior to Brighton, because it has a greater population to feed it. For while Brighton has only London, the Branch has New-York and its adjacent cities, Philadelphia and a long string of rapidly-increasing cities in New-Jersey, headed by Newark, with a population exceeding 200,000, and the home of many wealthy capitalists. The rival attractions of Cape May need not be feared, because that unfortunate place has no attractions. It has very fine hotels, admirably conducted, such as the Stockton House, for example, which is a real pearl of watering-place hotels. But it has no back country, it has no drives, it has no excitements. Whatever there is of agreeable and entertaining is provided by the hotels and confined to them. It is clear that from Cape May the Branch has little to fear. What it really may dread is the supineness and inactivity of its people, who may be too lazy to stretch forth their hands to pluck the golden apples of the commercial Hesperides.

Still, although the Branchers have been very backward, very slow to realize the gifts the gods had given, there is a change. It was impossible for them to contemplate the extraordinary developments of the cottage country beyond the West End without feeling some spirit of emulation. There L. V. Brown had created a new land, had added a new city to Long Branch. And, from the time that he commenced to sell his lots, the purchasers have aided in the improvement of the place with the most praiseworthy zeal. Some of them—notably, Mr. Thomas Murphy—have exhibited enterprise and foresight not inferior to Mr. Brown himself. It is currently stated in Long Branch that President Grant believes the cottage country will extend to Shark's River, which lies beyond Ocean Grove. I do not believe that the President ever said so. From a careful examination of the land, and from all I can learn from real estate agents here, from Mr. Murphy, and from L. V. Brown, I am almost satisfied that the course of progress has spent itself in a southerly direction, and that the Branch will not go far beyond Mr. Francklyn's cottage that was erected last year. Nor can it extend northward, the land being occupied by the Monmouth Beach Association. It seems to me that the deduction is inevitable. It must now grow westwardly—in other words, the lands back of Ocean avenue will rise greatly in value and will be built upon very rapidly. Myers, one of the shrewdest speculators and builders of New-York, is negotiating for back lots. And so are wealthy Philadelphian capitalists too. Myers has already bought four lots in Lincoln avenue, with the intention of building cottages. But he is going also to purchase land nearer to the upper village, and I cannot but come to the conclusion that the line of the Dent road, and of the high ground in rear of what was Brown's Park, are the coming places.

It would seem natural to suppose that the lower village, which is in such close connection with Long Branch proper, being, as one might say, right in rear of the most central hotel, would be the place of development. But the obstinate avarice of one or two old fogies has stood in the way of improvement for years, and there is no probability of any change. What is wanted here is a second avenue, running parallel to Ocean avenue. There is a commencement of one called Wardell avenue, which starts fairly from Main street, but runs to Morris' land, and there sticks. On the other side of this water lies the property of Mr. Morris and Mr. Cohen and others, and, though the road has been surveyed, and the property appraised by Commissioners, these gentlemen refuse to accept their award, and haggle for very high prices. The consequence is that Wardell avenue still remains in an embryotic condition. Mr. Torrey, of the Monmouth Beach Association, did succeed in getting a charter for a horse railroad. But he, it seems, very far miscalculated his resources, and appears to have believed that the property-owners whose land was wanted by the Horse Railroad Company would surrender their land for the good of Long Branch generally and the horse railroad specially. Those who have been appealed to on this score have not seen the scheme with favorable eyes. And truly the best excuse that can be offered for Messrs. Morris and Cohen, in connection with the Wardell avenue project, is that they, in common with all land-owners here, are eternally pestered by professional improvers, whose one idea seems to be that the land-owners ought, in common simple justice to the interest of the community, to give up their property whenever called upon. In spite of the passage of the charter, I see no hope of a horse railroad unless it falls into hands having control of more definite resources

THE CHURCHES YESTERDAY.

PULPIT DISCOURSES.

THE NEW CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY—SERMON BY S. H. TYNG, JR.

The new Church of the Holy Trinity, on the corner of Madison avenue and Forty-second street, was opened yesterday for public worship. The congregation crowded the entire building. Nothing could be more satisfactory than the internal arrangements of the structure. The idea of combining the traditional church characteristics with the elements of a superior lecture-room has been successfully carried out by the architect, and the arrangements for seating the congregation are of the most approved kind. Then, the acoustic properties of the new church are particularly notable. The decorations are chaste and simple, and anything that might possibly be construed into an inclining toward High Church ideas is carefully avoided. The exercises of yesterday consisted of morning prayer and introductory sermon by Rev. Dr. Tyng, Jr., Pastor of the church, evening prayer and sermon by Rev. W. Neilson McVicar, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Harlem, and devotional service and sermon by Rev. Dr. Tyng, Rector of St. George's Church. The festival of the dedication will be continued up to and including next Sunday. The Pastor took the text of his introductory sermon from the fourth chapter of the Book of the Prophet Zachariah, portion of the 7th verse: "Grace, grace unto it." They were, he said, at home again, but how changed was the homestead. God had accomplished these changes, but yet there was that in their house which bound the remembrance of the old with the new. They had that day passed through ten years of history, and it would be impossible to mistake that great room for the abiding place of any other family than theirs. There was a certain strangeness about it, but they were not strangers in it. They were as children who were sentenced from home while the house was undergoing alterations, and who, with true home sickness, were ever yearning to return. But now they were in the full possession of the joy of return, their banishment was over, and the Great Father welcomed them back. Were ever children merrier than they? Their eyes wandered from ceiling to floor, from window to window, with new experiences of delight. The text which he had taken for his sermon was a prophesy given for the encouragement of Judah in its efforts in spite of opposing influences to build on Mount Zion the Temple of Solomon. Babylon's devastation brought with it absolute ruin, but at last permission was given by the King Cyrus to rebuild the temple, and the declaration of Zechariah was to encourage Judah to the accomplishment of that work. They but echoed the old time refrain when they set about raising that Temple to God. After tracing the analogy between the erection of that church and the rebuilding of the temple of Solomon, the preacher went on to say that Jesus Christ was the corner-stone upon which the church rested. He was the secure and firm rock on which their enterprize was founded, and all the worship in that structure henceforward would confess Jesus Christ as their all in all. Jesus Christ, and Him crucified, was their corner-stone, and through His name would come to them power, and prevalence, and influence among men. Therefore, did they dedicate their structure to Him and to Him alone. And yet that edifice was only the shell of which the truth preached in it was the kernel, for the Gospel was above all men's conceit and self-sufficiency. They had completed that day ten years of history, and their future should be a development of their past. They would, in fact, take the cross for their crest; and for their motto, the words of the text, "Grace, grace unto it."

The dedicatory exercises of to-day will commence at 3 o'clock P. M., and will include addresses of fellowship from the neighboring Pastors. The following clergymen will take part in the exercises: Rev. W. M. Taylor, D. D., of the Tabernacle Church; Rev. T. S. Hastings, D. D., of the West Presbyterian Church; Rev. W. Ormiston, D. D., of the Collegiate Reformed Church; Rev. W. T. Sabine, D. D., of the Church of the Atonement; Rev. C. S. Robinson, D. D., of the Memorial Church; Rev. G. H. Hepworth, of the Church of the Disciples; Rev. W. M. Postlethwaite, of the Church of the Intercession; Rev. R. S. McArthur, of the Calvary Baptist Church; Rev. H. J. Foss, D. D., of St. Paul's M. E. Church; Rev. M. R. Vincent, D. D., of the Church of the Covenant, and Rev. James M. Ludlow, D. D., of the Collegiate Reformed Church.

CHURCH OF THE HEAVENLY REST—REV. DR. CONRAD ON THE EFFICACY OF PRAYER.

At the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest, corner of Fifth avenue and Forty-fifth street, yesterday, Rev. Thomas K. Conrad, D. D., Associate Rector, preached on "The Efficacy of Prayer." His text was Psalm civ., 18, 19. "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him; yea, all such as call upon Him faithfully. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry and will help them." In his exordium the clergyman said that we could scarcely read the words of the text, which is so full of a childlike trust in a near and helping God, without a painful consciousness that they express a certainty of faith which is by no means universal in these latter days. It was not only that there were many in the world who were careless and irreligious. This had always been the case, and was therefore no peculiarity of these times; but it was thus in the present age; even among those who claimed to be in earnest there was a drift which bore men away from old and cherished truths, so that the average sentiment, or, what was familiarly called "the spirit of the age," no longer held to fundamental doctrines with any firmness. In the Church itself the sphere of reason encroached constantly on that of faith. Men grew impatient of mystery, and thought that must prove their right to be believed in that court where reason sat supreme, however much they rested on experience or antiquity, or even revelation, and had to be weighed by it. This was what people called progress toward the revelation of a higher truth, which had been behind the delusions and superstitions of the early centuries. The destructive work was only that a more glorious temple might take the place of that wherein of old men had met with God and found Him, and that in truth the church of the future was to arise, and the glory of the latter house would far exceed the glory of the former.

It must be confessed that, so far as this tendency had gone, it had met with indifferent success in providing for the spiritual wants of men. All that it had done was to rob us of much that we had held sacred and to threaten to obscure almost every truth which had been considered to be fundamental by the church from the beginning. It did not leave the Bible intact. Is had called the sacred work a mere collection of Hebrew and Christian classics of doubtful authenticity. It was not the fearful knowledge of our guilt which would move us to flee for refuge to the cross, for the tendency to allow the sphere of reason to encroach explained the fact of sin as a defect which would be removed in time by a better civilization. It did not leave man prayer, for, though he might pray if he chose, he must remember that it is only to influence himself, to kindle the fervor of his feelings, and by no means that he might put his hand in God's that He might lead and protect him. This age was rationalistic. The text, in contrast with all modern theories of prayer, asserts very plainly that prayer is an actual intercourse with God and an actual means of securing blessings which could not be had without it. The preacher then presented, first, what the Bible really teaches, and second, such confirmations of the truth by experience, and by well-ascertained induction from it. After reviewing these points at some length, Dr. Conrad said, that the proof of the power of prayer did not rest only on revelation. The command of prayer was scarcely more a reason for it than the instinct of prayer, which was found in every age, land, and time of life. No missionary ever found a prayerless people. Instinctively all peoples of every belief know what prayer is. The most skeptical cry out to God in the hour of trial instinctively. So prayer asserts itself in spite of theory. Science claims that laws of nature are immutable. How did they know this? Did not God ever modify a general law for a special purpose? There were laws which were generally immutable, but above them all is the Almighty Law-giver, who will modify them if our good demand it in answer to our prayers. In conclusion Dr. Conrad exhorted all to believe in the Master's promise, that whatsoever they should ask, believing in Him, they shall have.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH, BROOKLYN—MR. BEECHER ON THE SECRET OF CHRIST'S POWER.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher preached yesterday morning, at Plymouth Church, on the secret of Christ's power. In commencing his discourse he observed that the manner and furtherance of the Gospel of Christ were entirely dissimilar from the propagation of any doctrine ever enunciated in this world. Jesus never attempted the establishment of a church or sect, as now understood. He organized no religious party or denomination. He sought to found no particular clique or confederation, and in His whole earthly career, there was no evidence presented of a disposition to render His teachin gs adapted to a few. What was the secret of His pow er? It was simply the power of a higher type of manhood than was ever known in the world. It was the combination in Him of meekness, gentleness, patience, truthfulness, self-denial, lovableness, and lovingness, with the strength of manhood which lifted His personal character above anything that ever lived on the face of the earth, and the effect of His personal character was to create a higher moral power, and to lift us to a higher standard of manhood. It also rendered possible a higher knowledge of God; for whatever exalted manhood made it a lens through which new revelations of divinity were observable. Christ, through his personal qualities, revealed a knowledge of God never before dreamed of, and it was this which exalted the Bible into a mere collection of Hebrew and Christian classics of doubtful authenticity. It was not the fearful knowledge of our guilt which would move us to flee for refuge to the cross, for the tendency to allow the sphere of reason to encroach explained the fact of sin as a defect which would be removed in time by a better civilization. It did not leave man prayer, for, though he might pray if he chose, he must remember that it is only to influence himself, to kindle the fervor of his feelings, and by no means that he might put his hand in God's that He might lead and protect him. This age was rationalistic. The text, in contrast with all modern theories of prayer, asserts very plainly that prayer is an actual intercourse with God and an actual means of securing blessings which could not be had without it. The preacher then presented, first, what the Bible really teaches, and second, such confirmations of the truth by experience, and by well-ascertained induction from it. After reviewing these points at some length, Dr. Conrad said, that the proof of the power of prayer did not rest only on revelation. The command of prayer was scarcely more a reason for it than the instinct of prayer, which was found in every age, land, and time of life. No missionary ever found a prayerless people. Instinctively all peoples of every belief know what prayer is. The most skeptical cry out to God in the hour of trial instinctively. So prayer asserts itself in spite of theory. Science claims that laws of nature are immutable. How did they know this? Did not God ever modify a general law for a special purpose? There were laws which were generally immutable, but above them all is the Almighty Law-giver, who will modify them if our good demand it in answer to our prayers. In conclusion Dr. Conrad exhorted all to believe in the Master's promise, that whatsoever they should ask, believing in Him, they shall have.

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temple or in the church, or in the organization, but in the sum of individual excellences, and whatever there was of Christ's power in the world was the development in individual hearts of the same essential traits and qualities which existed in Jesus Christ; and if there was any power in the world worthy of Jesus it was the unorganized, free, living force of human nature sanctified, inspired and lifted up by the power of God. The real force historically considered has been the same. Looking along the line of ecclesiastical history they would find that church organization in itself did no great good in the world, and if they traced the denominational spirit through the ages and looked into the different representative bodies of Christendom, and the great councils of the Church, and back to the very earliest period, they would find that if there had been no other power than organized Christianity religion would have sunk long ago. It was not the Church which preserved religion, but it was religion which preserved the Church. The priesthood did not save religion, but it was the lives of the good, according to the doctrines of Christ, which saved the priesthood, and as in Christ, the power lay not in an organized system for the presentation of the doctrine, but in the living power of a higher nature. Why was it that Christianity made such little advance in the world? Because of the adoption of a coercive policy and attempting authority over men's consciences in God's name—attempting in religion what was done in politics—government according to rule. Precise, expectant, it was not the wisest course to pursue in every nation, and despotism, however handy, led to results destructive of the life of the nation. However many evils it may possess, in the end it was the best resource in the State. Liberty was just as necessary in a church and in religion as in State and civil affairs, and no man because of priestly ordination had power over the souls or consciences of any other. In the Church of God the assumption of authority over man's consciences was just as detestable as was despotism over men's bodies, and the doctrine of "believe this or be damned," was pernicious in the last degree. In every-day life the use of such an expression was condemned, and he did not think that "be damned" was any better when used by a Bishop than by one else. In either case it was to be deprecated, and was even more vulgar when used by a cleric, because of his position. The forces of the church, he argued, could never be increased by coercive influences and religion, if anything was spontaneous. Men would readily laugh at the absurdity of commanding a tree to blossom and bring forth fruit, but it was not more ridiculous than the resort to force to generate religious emotions. In nature certain forces were set in motion to accomplish a given end, but they were not of the coercive order. So in religion, he argued, it was by proper indoctrination in the truth they were to succeed in establishing it. He therefore counseled toleration and freedom as the surest and best means of promoting the end which Christ came on earth to attain.

MADISON SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—FAREWELL DISCOURSE OF REV. DR. ADAMS.

The Madison Square Presbyterian Church was crowded to its utmost capacity yesterday morning, and many were obliged to stand in the aisles and passages of the floor and gallery, it having been announced that the revered Pastor, Rev. William Adams, D. D., was retiring from the pastorate, and would deliver a farewell discourse. Old members of the church, as well as numerous admiring friends from the "Old Central Presbyterian Church" in Broome street, came to show their attselment to, and appreciation of the many salutary lessons they have derived from, their esteemed Pastor. Dr. Adams has been laboring continuously in the discharge of official duties for the past forty years. Dr. Hitchcock will assist in administering to the church until arrangements are made for a successor.

After the reading of a psalm and the fourth chapter of St. Paul to the Ephesians, and when the hymn, "Let children hear the mighty things which God performed of old," &c., had been sung, Rev. Dr. Adams took for his text—Deuteronomy, viii., 2: "And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thy heart whether thou wouldst keep His commandments or no." He said there was a parallel between the book of Deuteronomy and the Second Epistle of Paul to Timothy. In the former, written by Moses in his one hundred and twentieth year and the fortieth year of the Israelites' sojourn in the wilderness, he exhorts his people to obedience, and reminds them of God's kindness. In the latter the ap ostle, when before Nero, the Roman Emperor, remembered his people, too, and through Timothy gave them a parting exhortation. The last words of the apostle, although a prisoner decreed by his tyrant to die, and immediately before he was beheaded, were testifying to the faith that was in him and addressing words of encouragement to his brethren. How sublime and beautiful such words as these at the termination of one's earthly career: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. As for the rest, there is laid up for me a crown which the Lord, the just Judge, will render to me at his coming." The journeying of the tribes in the wilderness was a type, he said, of human life. God's guiding hand was with them, but notwithstanding he permitted them to stray up and down for forty years testing their faithfulness and to prove their dependence. When the land of promise was reached the bones of the thousands who left Egypt and crossed the Red Sea were bleaching on the desert, and only two, Joshua and Caleb, were alive to enter it. The preacher then announced that his official course was finished, and he would to-day lay down his pastorate. The reasons, he said, need not be assigned, but he felt that the name and office of Pastor was esteemed the most honorable. In consideration of his experience during the past forty years in a Christian land, he need scarcely say it was something different from those in the wilderness. He commenced his career on the 13th November, 1825, in Broome street. At the beginning of his ministry, like most others, finding himself among strangers, and knowing the responsibility of his charge, he naturally felt lonely. Of all the officers then connected with that church there is not one now alive; about twelve or fifteen members of Madison Square Church were there. He gave the names of a large number of Pastors with whom he was associated from time to time, but all are gone to that eternal home from which no traveler returns. The reminiscences of a Pastor are varied and numerous, whether viewed singly or collectively, day by day, and hour by hour. Looking back in spirit and brooding over the past seems viewing something covered with scars and riddled with wounds. However much is done, much more might have been accomplished. Regrets are useless when conscience is satisfied, and the strict performance of duty in the present and future only encourages to greater faithfulness. It would be difficult, he said, to speak of the changes that came under his observation during those forty years. This City's church works are an exception to Christendom, remembering how easily they could then be counted, and now are dotting the avenues and streets in all directions. Within this period progress in every other department has kept pace, hotels, parks, public buildings, institutions, halls, &c. He mentioned some extraordinary changes in churches, some of which had eventful histories. This church was built not from any vested funds, but through the generosity of one person and gifts of a few friends. It has gained 3,000 followers in the City by organization and energy. He alluded to the embryo States and Territories, and pointed to the immense growth of religion throughout the national family. It was no small thing to say that the Christian Church in this country, in spite of opposition from scientists, not only retained its hold, but intelligent Christians are more numerous now than ever before. What is least expected is sometimes the soonest realized. No one forty years ago could foresee the storm that would burst between the North and South and destroy slavery. The war, he said, was a trial. The national character was tested, and after every storm we are like trees and pillars upturned, but patience heals all wounds. The present day has a tendency for more Christian unity and intelligence. The abundance of practical philanthropy is a proof of this, a true index in the foundation of so many benevolent institutions. Christianity, he said, was the most potent agency in the world; there is no other power so magnetic. The inquisition in Spain injured its promoters, and Spain to-day has slaves in her colonies. The Christian work, or the work of God, is like the genial action of Spring producing verdure. It does not fear the assaults of infidelity, nor does it flee from science or philosophy, for Christianity is their queen. He charged the young to look forward, hoping in God that they may shine as stars for eternity. If there was any disposed to follow the ministry, he encouraged them not to fear the cares and responsibilities. He would adopt the same life if again beginning his course. After a few remarks on the many who had once occupied pews, and are now numbered among the departed, he feelingly expressed his thanks for the assistance rendered him in the performance of the duties of the pastorate, and in closing he exhorted all, no matter who should occupy his place, to work earnestly and devotedly as good Christians.

A WEEKLY CHASTISEMENT.

About 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning, the attention of Officer John Lame, of the Third Precinct, Brooklyn, was attracted by loud cries for help, proceeding from the basement of the house No. 368 Baltic street. On entering the premises a drunken man, named John Corbett, was found with a billet of wood in his hand, seated in a chair beside the prostrate body of his wife, whom he had been beating most unmercifully. He was apparently resting himself after his labors. The woman's body and legs were covered with bruises. When asked why he did it, he said, "She needed it once a week." He was taken to the station-house.

STABBING AFFRAY IN EAST HOUSTON STREET.

At 11 o'clock yesterday morning Wm. Hunt, aged twenty-four, of No. 24 Cornelia street, and Alexander Stewart, of No. 125 Bleecker street, ran against each other in the doorway of the premises No. 12 East Houston street, and a quarrel ensued, during which Stewart drew a knife and stabbed Hunt under the right shoulder, inflicting a severe wound. The wounded man was removed to Bellevue Hospital. Stewart was arrested by Patrolman McCauley, of the Fourteenth Precinct, and, on being arraigned before Justice Bixby at the Tombs, was committed to prison to await the result of the injury to Hunt.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—APRIL 18.

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$2,000 W.U.T.7s.b.c.	100	400 W. U. Tel.....b.c.	74½
5,000 Un. Pac. 7s, L. G't.....b.c.	80	600 do.....b.	74⅝
7,000 C. & N.W.C.b.c.	90	1100 do.....b.	74⅞
1,000 L. Sh. C. R.b.c.	99¼	400 do.....s5.	74⅞
200 Spring M. Coal...	65	300 do.....b5.	75
50 do.....b.c.	65	1400 do.....b.	75
100 A. & P. Tel.b.c.b3.	15½	100 Erie.....b.c.	37⅜
100 Pac. M. S. Co.b.c.	43	20 Clev. & P. G'd.b.c.	88½
100 do.....b.	43⅜	900 Chi. & N. W....b.c.	50⅜
100 do.....b.	43⅝	100 do.....c.	51
100 do.....b.	43⅝	200 do.....b.	51⅛
300 N. Y. C. & H...b.c.	98	200 do.....b3.	51¼
100 do.....b.	97¾	200 do.....c.	51¼
100 Un. Pac.....b.c.	34⅝	200 Chi. & N. W. Pf.b.c.	66¾
700 do.....s.	34¾	100 do.....s3.	67
3500 L. S. & M. So.b.c.	75	100 Chi. & R. I....b.c.	99
500 do.....b3.	75⅛	100 do.....b.	99⅜
200 do.....s3.	75⅛	100 Chi., M. & St. P.b.c.	41¼
1100 do.....b.	75⅛	100 do.....c.	41
1000 do.....b.	75¼	100 do.....b.	41⅛
600 do.....b.	75⅜	300 do.....b.	41¼
300 do.....b.	75½	100 do.....b.	41⅜
500 do.....c.	75¼	600 Tol. & Wab...b.c.	45
500 do.....b.	75⅜	100 do.....c.	45¼
500 do.....b5.	75½	200 do.....b.	45⅜
3800 do.....b.	75⅝	200 P. R. of Mo.b.c.b3.	97½
1000 do.....s60.	75⅝	200 St. L., K. C. & N.	
1000 do.....b.	75⅝	100 C., C. & I. O...b.c.	86¾
1000 do.....b.	75¾		

MONDAY, April 20—A. M.

The weekly averages of the Associated Banks, local and National, reported through the Clearing-house for the week ending Saturday last, April 18, compare as follows with the previous week, and also with the corresponding week last year:

Decrease in Loans			$201,600
Decrease in Specie			631,000
Decrease in Greenbacks			409,900
Increase in Deposits			147,200
Increase in Circulation			42,500
	April 19, '73.	April 11, '74.	April 18, '74.
National Capital	$71,285,000	$69,235,000	$69,235,000
Local Capital	16,722,200	16,762,400	$16,769,400
Total	$88,142,500	$86,004,400	$86,004,400
Loans	270,196,600	263,666,300	263,464,700
Gold Notes	16,116,400	23,833,400	23,213,600
Greenbacks	36,619,800	55,573,800	55,163,900
Deposits	187,167,300	238,691,700	238,838,900
Circulation	27,713,300	26,797,800	26,840,300

The Bank Exhibit is rather against the borrowing interest, yet is not sufficiently so to seriously threaten the easy working condition of the Money Market. The averages show a decrease in Greenbacks of $409,900, and in Specie of $621,800, with an increase in the Deposits of $147,200, as the result of the week's movements. The Loans are reduced $201,600, and the Circulation is enlarged $42,500, as compared with the preceding weekly return. The aggregate legal-tender reserve is yet $11,957,700 in excess of the 25 ₱ cent. requirement under the Banking Act. Money continues in liberal supply to the leading Street houses at from 3@5, generally at 4@5 ₱ cent., on call. Strictly prime to good mercantile credits are quoted at 5½@7 ₱ cent. per annum, with a ready sale noted for the better grades of short-date business paper, the offerings of which are quite moderate, corresponding to the restricted operations in the commercial line. Apart from the dealings in Breadstuffs and Cotton—which have been extensive—largely for export, and the active trade in Hog products, chiefly in Western Mess Pork and Steam Lard, especially on speculative account, at firmer prices—the Produce movements have been comparatively slow. The free purchases of Grain, for shipment, have led to increased animation and buoyancy in ocean freights, with accommodation on berth and charter offered reservedly at the close, even at the advanced rates. In general, merchandize trade lacks spirit. The Grocery interest exhibits some improvement in the demand, with Coffee closing stronger; Teas and Molasses firm, and Sugars a fraction cheaper. Limited transactions are noted in Metals, which, however, appear steadier in price in most instances. The domestic jobbing houses report a fair inquiry for seasonable Cottons, without further important changes in values; but the Woolen trade is yet complained of as tame and unsatisfactory. From the importing houses we hear of a somewhat larger aggregate of sales of desirable goods at about late quotations. The Treasury receipts from Customs at the port for the week were $2,370,000. There were $77,382 of coin interest disbursed through the local office on the public debt account. On Thursday the Government marketed a million of gold at 113.65@113.77, the bids for which amount reached $4,545,000. The week's specie exports were $503,781. At the Gold Board speculation has been moderately active, and somewhat fitful, the price receding from 114⅜ as the highest, to 113½ as the lowest figures, leaving off rather firmly 113⅞. Foreign Exchange closed dull but steady, with prime bankers' bills at 4.85@4.88 to the £ Sterling.

Washington reports and rumors have been made to shape the course of the Stock Exchange speculation, which has been downward, and decidedly feverish. To the Senate Currency bill, which passed the House of Representatives on Tuesday, and which now awaits the decision of President Grant, unusual attention has been given in the discussions of the week. There has been much conflict of opinion as to the real purport of the measure, and its probable consequences should it become the law. The predominating view at the Stock Board was that it meant contraction, and more or less grave disturbance of bank reserves at the money centres; and this view was urged by the *bear* element as against railway and miscellaneous share values, which were greatly depressed, the lowest prices of the week having been made on Friday, under a very resolute hammering of the general market, especially notable in the instances of Rock Island, Lake Shore, Northwest, and Wabash, on the railway, and of Western Union and Pacific Mail on the miscellaneous list. The closing operations indicated a partial recovery from the extreme depression, with symptoms of a steadier range, if not of renewed buoyancy. The adverse changes on the bank statement made little impression on the final dealings. The Public Funds closed firmly, and the Railway Mortgages somewhat stronger on the investment favorites, with a moderate demand noted.

The Import Entries of Foreign Merchandise at New-York, including the Dry Goods return in our last paper, amount for the past week to $9,269,815, as compared with $12,346,613 same week last year. The Exports of Domestic Produce are $5,199,462, as against $5,421,753 last year. The Exports of Gold and Silver, $503,781, as against $842,603 last year. The Customs in Gold deposited during the week in the New-York Office of the Treasury amounted to $2,370,000, comparing with $2,307,931 same week last April.

The Import Entries at New-York of Foreign Dry Goods and General Merchandise (not including Foreign Specie) since July 1, 1873, are as follows. The figures are official to the close of February, and since semi-official from the Custom-house.

July	$31,023,169	March 7	$8,643,543
August	32,632,800	March 14	9,905,090
September	29,772,735	March 21	7,517,103
October	27,275,814	March 28	12,431,936
November	20,764,951	April 4	9,851,827
December	20,214,570	April 11	11,278,078
January	20,211,668	April 18	9,269,815
February	34,616,354		
Total			$225,429,665
Same date 1873			337,361,592
Decrease since July 1			$41,931,767

The export Clearances from New-York of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods, including Foreign Articles re-exported since July 1, 1873, are as follows:

July	$25,621,053	March 4	$3,934,686
August	24,343,508	March 11	5,338,161
September	26,790,042	March 18	4,751,438
October	21,246,859	March 25	5,413,034
November	18,495,899	April 1	6,047,865
December	25,850,730	April 8	4,752,056
January	23,455,636	April 15	5,109,462
February	20,725,611		
Total since July 1			$240,375,578
To same date 1873			207,352,505
Increase since July 1			$33,022,963
Gold April 18, 1874			112⅜ ₱ cent.
Gold April 19, 1873			117⅛ ₱ cent.

The exports of Gold and Silver from New-York since July 1, 1873, are as follows:

July	$10,338,043	March 7	$343,111
August	9,198,549	March 14	435,499
September	1,502,635	March 21	660,332
October	2,107,447	March 28	843,310
November	2,545,842	April 4	918,092
December	2,447,371	April 11	396,914
January	2,660,508	April 18	503,781
February	2,260,869		
Total since Jan. 1			$30,803,239
Total same date 1873			32,320,277
Decrease since July 1			$21,726,038

The Customs receipts in Gold deposited in the New-York Office of the United States Treasury, and the Gold Interest paid out by this Office since July 1, 1873, are as follows:

	Customs.		Gold Interest.
July	$10,439,469	July	$6,381,327
August	13,454,785	August	5,491,943
September	11,236,278	September	1,424,288
October	8,146,332	October	3,238,324
November	5,058,287	November	3,707,511
December	6,536,461	December	6,515,425
January	10,195,206	January	9,752,291
February	10,386,566	February	3,481,025
March	11,020,633	March	4,057,479
April 4	1,631,000	April 4	91,000
April 11	2,331,000	April 11	121,000
April 18	2,370,000	April 18	77,382
Total, 1874	$93,857,220	Total, 1874	$50,334,243
Total, 1873	110,642,232	Total, 1873	62,393,795

COURSE OF STOCKS AND GOLD—THE WEEK.

	April 19, '73.
American Gold	113⅝@113⅝@113⅞@113⅞	117⅞
U. S. 5-20s, '65, May	120⅞@121¾@121½	120¼
U. S. 5-20s, '65, January	120⅞@120⅞	119⅞
U. S. New 5 ₱ cents	115¾@116⅞@116¾	116
Central Pacific 6 ₱ cents	95@96	103
Union Pacific 6 ₱ cents	86@86½	86½
New-York Central	98⅝@96⅝@98¾	102⅜
Rock Island	101@97¾@99⅜	102¼
St. Paul Common	41½@39¾@41¼	55⅜
St. Paul Preferred	63@58@59	73
Toledo and Wabash	44¾@43¾@44¾	60⅝
Union Pacific	36½@33½@34⅞	39¼
Erie	34⅞@33½@36¼@37⅞	66¾
Western Telegraph	71¾@72⅞@74⅜	66¾
Pacific Mail	40⅞@42@43⅝	59⅜
Lake Shore	75½@73½@75⅜	93⅛
North-western Common	53¼@49¼@51⅜	80¾
Harlem	127@126½@127½	126
North-western Preferred	70½@66⅝@67⅝	87
Delaware and Lack	108¼@105@106¼	99½
Central New-Jersey	105½@104@105½	98

The Cotton Receipts of the week were 39,200, against 55,900 bales same week last year. The crop receipts to date are 3,506,950, against 3,155,150 bales to April 18, 1873. The exports of the week from all the ports were 72,600 bales, (or 67,800 exclusive of New-York,) and for the season 2,335,300 bales, as against 2,040,300 bales same time the preceding season.

Very light dealings have been reported in State Bonds, the latest bids for which were as follows:

Ark. 6s, Funded	32½	N. Y. 6s, C. Loan, '75	110
A. 7s, L. R. & Ft. S.	12	N. Y. 6s, C. Loan, '77	110
Ark. 7s, M. & L. R.	12	N. Y. 6s, C. Loan, '78	110
A. 7s, L. R. P. B. & N. O.	12	N. Y. 6s, G. reg. '87	112
Ark. 7s, M. O. & R. Riv.	12	N. Y. 6s, G. comp. '87	112
Ark. 7s, Ark Cen. R.	12	N. Y. 5s, G. Loan, '75	103
California 7s	113½	N. Y. 5s, G. Loan, '76	103
Connecticut 6s	102½	N. C. 6s, J. & J	30
Georgia 6s	75	N. C. 6s, A. & O	30
Ga. 7s, new bonds	69	Ohio 6s, '75	100
Ga. 7s, indorsed	79	Ohio 6s, '81	104
Indiana 5s	101	Ohio 6s, '86	106
Ill. coup. 6s, '77	100	Rhode Island 6s	102
Ill. coup. 6s, '79	100	South Car. 6s	26
Kentucky 6s	99	S. C. 6s, Jan. & July	26
Michigan 6s, '78-'79	100	S. C. Fund. Act, '65	15
Michigan 6s, '83	100	Ten. 6s, new, ex-coup.	65
Michigan 7s, '78	100	Texas 10s of '76	86
Missouri 6s	94	Virginia 6s, old	33
N. Y. coup. B. Loan	106¾	Va. 6s, new bonds	49½
N. Y. coup. B. Loan	106¾	Va. 6s, con. bonds	49½
N. Y. 6s. C. Loan, '74	110	Va. 6s, def. bonds	10¾

The closing bids at the Stock Board for the Railway Mortgages were as follows:

Alb. & Sus. 1st bds.	103½	Clev. & Tol. S. F.	103¾
Alb. & Sus. 2d bds.	97	Det., M. & Tol. bds.	90½
Bos., H. & Erie 1st	97½	Buff. & Erie N. bds.	96½
Chic. & Alton 1st	106	L. Shore D. bds.	94¼
Chic. & Alton Inc.	94½	Mich. C. C. 7s, 1902	98
Joliet & Chic. 1st	106	Mich. Cen. 1st 8s, '82	103½
St. L., J. & Chic. 1st.	90	N. Y. Cen. 6s, '83	96
Chic., R. I. & Pac.	105½	N. Y. Cen. 6s, '87	93
Cen. R. of N. J. 1st N.	106	N. Y. Cen. 6s R. E.	91½
Cen. R. of N. J. 2d	100	N. Y. Cen. 6s Sub.	91½
Cen. R. of N. J. C. C.	102½	N. Y. Cen. & H. 1st C.	105½
Am. Dk. & Im. 6s	98½	Harl. R. 1st 7s R.	106
M. & St. P. 1st I. & M. D.	79	Har. 1st 7s R.	106⅜
Mil. & St. P. 2d	75	Cen. Pac. Gold bds.	95
Chic. & N. W. S. F.	102¼	Union Pac. 1st bds.	86⅜
Chic. & N. W. bds.	99	Union Pac. L. G. 7s.	60
Chic. & N. W. 1st	101	Union Pac. Inc. 10s.	80
Chic. & N. W. C. G. bs.	85½	Union Pac. S. F.	71
Gal. & Chic. 2d	100	Pac. R. 7s g. by Mo.	99
Penin. 1st Conv	50	P., F. W. & C. 1st	106
Chic. & Mil. 1st	94¼	Chic. & Pitts. 4th	89½
Del., L. & West. 1st	100	Col., C. & I. 1st	80
Del., L. & West. 2d	103	Col., C. & I. 2d	70
Del., L. & W. 7s C.	103½	Alton & T. H. 1st	101
Morris & Essex 1st	106	Alton & T. H. 2d P.	87
Morris & Essex 2d	103	Alton & T. H. 2d In.	78
Morris & E. C. bds.	93	B. & S. Ill. R. 1st 8s.	93
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE.

UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE SPECIAL TAXES, MAY 1, 1874, TO APRIL 30, 1875.

The law of Dec. 24, 1872, requires every person engaged in any business, avocation, or employment which renders him liable to a special tax, to procure and place conspicuously in his establishment or place of business a stamp denoting the payment of said special tax for the special tax year beginning May 1, 1874, before commencing or continuing business after April 30, 1874.

The taxes embraced within the provisions of the law above quoted are the following, viz.:

Rectifiers	$200
Dealers, retail liquor	25
Dealers, wholesale liquor	100
Dealers in malt liquors, wholesale	50
Dealers in malt liquors, retail	25
Dealers in leaf tobacco	25
Retail dealers in leaf tobacco	500
And on sales of over $1,000, fifty cents for every dollar in excess of $1,000	
Dealers in manufactured tobacco	5
Manufacturers of stills	50
And for each still manufactured	20
And for each worm manufactured	20
Manufacturers of tobacco	10
Manufacturers of cigars	10
Peddlers of tobacco, first class, (more than two horses)	50
Peddlers of tobacco, second class, (two horses)	25
Peddlers of tobacco, third class, (one horse)	15
Peddlers of tobacco, fourth class, (on foot or public conveyance)	10
Brewers of less than 500 barrels	50
Brewers of 500 barrels or more	100

Any person so liable who shall fail to comply with the foregoing requirements will be subject to severe penalties.

Persons or firms liable to pay any of the special taxes named above must apply to me, at No. 927 Broadway, and pay for and procure the requisite stamp or stamps they need, prior to May 1, 1874, and without further notice.

CHAS. R. COSTER, Collector.

OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE, FOURTH DISTRICT NEW-YORK, April 13, 1874.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, NEW-YORK, April 9, 1874.

The Commissioners desire to caution the tax-payers of New-York against the imposition practiced by persons pretending to be connected with this department, who offer to obtain reductions in the assessed value of real or personal estate.

Any pretense of ability on the part of such persons to effect a reduction is fraudulent.

The books of the department are open to the public, and will remain so until the 30th inst., and all representations made to the Commissioners, for which purpose blanks are in readiness, receive the most careful attention.

There is no other method of having complaints attended to or errors rectified.

JOHN WHEELER, GEO. H. ANDREWS, SEVERN D. MOULTON, } Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.

VIENNA EXPOSITION GOODS.

The United States store-ship Guard, with the goods belonging to the American exhibitors, has arrived at the Brooklyn Navy-yard, and will commence discharging cargo on MONDAY, the 27th inst. Permits for the goods will be issued from this office, and the goods will be delivered as soon as the vessel is discharged.

Parties not present to take charge of their goods are requested to send instructions for shipment to the undersigned.

THOMAS McELRATH,
United States Agent for the Vienna Exposition.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of SAMUEL BARTON and HARRY ALLEN, bankrupts.—To all creditors who have proved their debts herein: Take notice, that under an order of this court granted April 10, 1874, upon my petition, I shall apply to Mr. James F. Dwight, Register in Bankruptcy, in charge of the matter, at his office, No. 7 Beekman street, New-York City, on the 21st day of April, at 2 o'clock P. M., for leave to sell and dispose at private sale of a certain bond and mortgage to secure the payment of five thousand four hundred and fifty-four dollars and forty-seven cents, dated July 9, 1873, payable two years after the date thereof; and at such time and place I shall offer proof to the Register of the value of said mortgage and the offer for sale and such further proof as may be deemed necessary. And if you have any motion to make on said suggested sale you will then offer the same.

S. BURDETT HYATT, Assignee.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of BERNARD ARONSON, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy. Before Mr. James F. Dwight, Register in Bankruptcy, at the City of New-York, April 16, 1874.—To the creditors of said bankrupt and all whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that a second general meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt will be held at the office of Mr. James F. Dwight, said Register, at No. 7 Beekman street, in the City of New-York, on Thursday, 30th day of April, 1874, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purposes mentioned in the twenty-seventh section of the act entitled "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved March 2, 1867, and that the Assignee has filed in the office of said Register his accounts of his receipts and payments.

JOHN F. PLATT, Assignee,
No. 40 Wall street, New-York.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of CATHARINE GERN, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said court against the estate of Catharine Gern, of the County of New-York, and State of New-York, in said district, who is judged a bankrupt upon the petition of her creditors, and the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt to her or for her use, and the transfer of any property by her, are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of her estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 322 Broadway, in the City of New-York, in said district, on the 11th day of May, A. D. 1874, at 12 o'clock M., at the office of Isaac Dayton, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said county.

OLIVER FISKE, Marshal—Messenger.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON THE 11th day of April A. D. 1874, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of LYDIA F. LYONS, of New-York, in the county of New-York and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on her own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to her or for her use, and the transfer of any property by her, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of her estate, will be held at a court of bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 152 Broadway in the City of New-York, before Mr. Henry Wilder Allen, Register, on the 4th day of May, A. D. 1874, at 12 o'clock M.

OLIVER FISKE, United States Marshal,
as Messenger, Southern District of New-York.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States, for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of WILLIAM L. ROBINSON, survivor of the firm of George A. Hunter & Co., bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—No. 4,630.—Before James F. Dwight, Register. —To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby give notice of his appointment as assignee of William L. Robinson, survivor of the firm of George A. Hunter & Co., carrying on business in the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, within said district, who has been adjudged bankrupt upon the petition of his creditors by the District Court of said district.—Dated at New-York, the 3d day of April, A. D. 1874. WILLIAM H. VAN VORST,

Assignee, No. 271 Canal street, New-York City.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of WOLF LESSER and EMIL LESSER, bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—Before Egbert Whitaker, Register.—To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of Wolf Lesser and Emil Lesser, of the town of Saugerties, in the County of Ulster, and State of New-York, within said district, who have been adjudged bankrupts upon their creditors' petition by the District Court of said district.—Dated at Saugerties, N. Y., the 2d day of April, A. D. 1874.

ap2d-law3wM GASTON WILBUR, Assignee.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the District of New-Jersey.—In the matter of EDWARD E. BROWN, bankrupt.—The said bankrupt having applied to the court for a discharge from his debts, by order of the court, notice is hereby given to all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, to appear on the 5th day of May, A. D. 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M., before the said court, at Trenton, N. J., and show cause, if any they have, why a discharge should not be granted to the said bankrupt.

R. C. BELVILLE, Clerk.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the District of New-Jersey.—In the matter of JOHN M. HALE, bankrupt.—The said bankrupt having applied to the court for a discharge from his debts, by order of the court, notice is hereby given to all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, to appear on the 5th day of May, A. D. 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M., before the said court, at Trenton, N. J., and show cause, if any they have, why a discharge should not be granted to said bankrupt.

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CHAMBER-MAID AND SEAMSTRESS.—By a Swedish Protestant young woman; is an excellent seamstress and an experienced chamber-maid; or would take a nurse's place; can furnish the very best of reference. Inquire for Y., at Odell's Swedish Bureau, No. 109 West 34th st., corner Broadway.

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CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A VERY NEAT YOUNG woman as first-class chamber-maid in a private family; is thoroughly competent, and has excellent reference; employer can be seen. Apply at Bedell's, No. 340 4th av.

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CHAMBER-MAID, WAITRESS, &c.—BY A Protestant young woman: or as nurse in a family; City or country; has good recommendations, can be seen at the Home Bureau, No. 138 6th av., above 10th st., over the drug store.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman as chamber-maid and seamstress; is a neat housekeeper and would wait on an invalid lady; has excellent references. Apply at BEDELL'S, No. 340 4th av.

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COOK, &c.—CHAMBER-MAID, &c.—BY two quiet, respectable girls, where they can do the work of a family between them: cook understands the business thoroughly, and is a nice washer and ironer; no objection to the country; furnish good recommendations. Call at No. 138 West 11th st., corner 6th av.

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COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMAN AS a good plain cook; is willing to assist with washing and ironing in a private family; will be also found trustworthy; best City references. Can be seen for two days at No. 406 4th st., between 8th and 9th ave., top floor, front room.

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COOK AND ASSIST WITH THE WASHING.—By a young woman as good family cook; makes excellent bread and biscuit, soups, dessert, &c.; is also a good laundress; can furnish the very best of City reference. Apply at Odell's Agency, No. 109 West 34th st., corner Broadway.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG PROTESTant woman as first-class cook in a private family; understands the business thoroughly; has unexceptionable City reference. Apply at A. Felton & Co.'s, No. 645 6th av., near 38th st.

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PARK THEATRE.—LOVE'S PENANCE—Mr. Charles Fechter, Miss Geraldine Stuart, Mr. Studley.

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The announcement that the *Amérique* has been taken into an English port quite safely, with the probability that all her cargo will be found in good order, is about the most startling piece of news we have published for some time past. She was found drifting in the trough of the sea—about the most dangerous position a vessel could occupy—and even then she had not sunk! What conclusion can be arrived at except that she was abandoned in a wild and reckless fit of fright, and that there never was the slightest reason for despairing of her safety? What are we to think of French seamanship of the present day? At the first symptom of danger a "scare" seems to set in, and the very first thought, instead of the last one, is to "give up the ship." There is no getting over such a fact as this recovery of the *Amérique*. Even Mr. MACKENZIE, Jr., will hardly be able to explain it away, or to attribute the ship's recovery to the "drunkenness" of the Captain who saved her. Nor will a charge of "piracy" be very successful against the plucky crew who took the ship into Plymouth.

This affair will only confirm the general opinion that the *Europe* might very easily have been saved, if anything like coolness and good seamanship had been exhibited. Had Mr. BUCK got on board the ship the day she was abandoned, before all her fires had gone out, he would unquestionably have taken her into port. He found that the best pump had not been used at all, but it was then too late to relight the fires. The whole story of "piracy" was trumped up, under the fear that she *would* be recovered, and then the French officers knew that it would be difficult to justify their conduct. A Captain has no business to desert his ship while there is the slightest chance of keeping her above water. We do not wish to say anything harsh of the French company, but it must be quite clear to everybody that what they stand in need of is not so much new ships as efficient seamen.

The report in the Sanborn case is likely to be presented this week, and our Washington correspondent states that there "is some talk of urging a bill for the reorganization of the Treasury Department." We should say that such a reorganization will not come a day too soon. But we doubt whether anything will be done after all, for we cannot find that much dissatisfaction exists at Washington with the management of the Treasury. There is considerable dissatisfaction here, but unfortunately it seems to be thought that we here in New-York are very querulous and hard to please, and, in fact, that New-York opinion is essentially wrong. This, probably, will stand in the way of any great changes.

Anybody who does not understand the run of City politics will be enlightened if he will take the pains to read and inwardly digest the following very clear statement of the "situation," for which we are indebted to yesterday's *Herald*:

"It is generally believed that the old man of the Mayor's Office is throwing political dust in the eyes of Tammany and in the interest of Murphy and Company or the Blissful party, till the rocks and shoals that lie on legislative navigation are safely steered clear of, and that FLANAGAN will be talked of as the *ad interim* appointee of the Chief Magistrate, and that then by a *coup d'état* HOWLAND will be confirmed for first place or first vacancy, and that Star Chamber Little JOHN L. DAVENPORT, the Fouché of the Custom-house and Administration, will be selected to fill the vacancy made by the retirement of RUSSELL in May next. The Inspectors of Election will be all Republicans, or of a Charlick stripe, *that* precludes any chance of a fair show, unless, indeed, *that* Mr. KELLY holds his party well in hand, and *that* the Democratic masses of the citizens will respond to the call of party and principle and break through the political meshes *that* the leaders on both sides would cast around them."

The effort of the railroads to obtain the consent of Congress to the bridging of the channel between Lakes Huron and Erie, either above or below Lake St. Clair, has aroused the strongest opposition of the vessel-owners of the upper lakes. As there passes through the channel in question the whole trade of those lakes, with all its enormous freightage of grain, it is evident that its course should not, under any circumstances, be seriously obstructed, and Congress should exercise the greatest caution before allowing any act even endangering that great stream of commerce. Conventions representing both the railroad and steam-boat interests have lately been held in Detroit. It can hardly be expected that Congress will take any decided action in favor of a bridge during this season, but the struggle is begun now in the hope of further results.

One of the most important reports ever submitted to Congress is that of the Senate Committee on Transportation. The labors of the committee, both in obtaining and collecting information, have been very arduous, and whatever may be thought of their recommendations, they deserve credit for the vast array of facts in regard to the transportation problem which they have secured for the use of the country hereafter. The several remedies suggested by the committee for existing evils have long been discussed by the public, but it is gratifying to find that the conclusion generally is in favor of improved water routes between the East and West. The report comes in at so late a period of the session, and the subject is one which will lead to so much discussion, that there is reason to believe that nothing will be done by Congress in the matter during the present year. The way has been fully prepared, however, for intelligent action in the near future. For this great gain the country is indebted to the Republican Party, which caused the appointment of the Senate Committee. The Democrats have talked a great deal about relieving the distresses of the farmers, but it does not appear that they have done anything.

An attempt, it appears, is to be made to reconstruct Tammany again. When TWEED and SWEENEY went out KELLY and MORRISSEY came in. If the latter are put out of control of the party machine in their turn, it will only be to give place to MATTHEW T. BRENNAN and JOHN J. BRADLEY, who are the leaders in the new movement. We may have another "new" Tammany, but it will be in no way different from the old. There seems to be no possible chance for men who have, or deserve the public respect, to get hold of Tammany. If the new movement succeeds, we shall be told that Tammany has again been "reformed," but most people will be unable to see wherein BRENNAN and BRADLEY are any better than KELLEY and MORRISSEY, just as they failed to discover in what way the two latter were an improvement, in a political sense, upon their predecessors.

WESTERN JOURNALS AND INFLATION.

The few Western journals of respectability that favor inflation—such as the Chicago *Enquirer* and Indianapolis *Journal*—endeavor to commend the Senate bill by representing the increase of the currency which will follow from it as trifling and unimportant. "Only eighteen millions of reserve," and a bagatelle of forty-six millions of national bank notes which may not be issued. Why such an outcry and frenzy, they ask, over an increase of currency of less than two dollars *per capita*?

With these journals and the Indiana delegation the question of honor, apparently, does not arise in this great debate. To the fame or credit of the country, they are comparatively indifferent. Even the constitutional powers of Congress to create money does not trouble them. If we issue sixty-four millions now to get out of a temporary difficulty, we shall be obliged to put forth another sixty millions after the next panic, which must inevitably come. The present expansion will be speedily swallowed up by a rise of prices. There will be a dearth of currency again next Autumn, or some other year, "to move the crops." Greenbacks and bank notes will become scarce. People will begin to hoard, and again will come a calamitous shock to our delicate credit system. All these points are overlooked by the Western papers.

The argument for more paper money will be stronger after the next panic than it is now; for we have tried the whole reserve and forty-six millions more and found them wanting. New Mortons and Butlers will appear, representing the debtor and speculating class. "More money," will be the cry. Perhaps the movement itself, under the new era of extravagance, will need loans for current expenses, and will borrow in the easiest way—by printing paper money. More currency will be issued, and a new tide of speculation and gambling will flow over the country. Sober people will become attracted by the delusive activity of business and the abundance of money. The masses will dread more than ever the severe processes through which alone the national and financial health can be restored. Contraction will be pushed further away, and the whole people give itself up to a delirium of money-making and apparent prosperity.

But the end is as sure as time, and as inevitable as the results of any of the laws of nature. Our apparent wealth will burst like a soap bubble; money will almost cease to buy, and calamity will come on every man, woman, and child of this country, such as we have never known. In that day MORTON and BUTLER, *et id omne genus*, will be names to point one of the saddest morals in the history of political economy. And this generation will be held up by our posterity as a fatal example of what wide spread disaster and ruin superficial thinking and demagogism can spread abroad. The most remarkable thing is that the journals and men we have spoken of, representing as they do largely the working and agricultural classes, should not see that their course is one which will degrade labor and rob the poor. No class has such an interest in a sound currency as the working class. If their standard of value varies, if their dollar to-day is to-morrow worth only ninety or eighty cents, their wages cannot follow with equal foot the depreciation, while all which they purchase must continually rise in price.

The dealers in commodities will, of course, charge all the risks and uncertainties on their poor customers. Moreover, business is at once impeded if the mercantile and producing class cannot tell what value of money to-morrow will bring forth. With a depreciated and uncertain currency, the Western farmer must sell his wheat at the equivalent of gold prices, and buy his goods at paper prices. In other words, he has a good market for the foreigner to buy in, and a bad one for himself to sell in. We also believe that these Western politicians are making a profound mistake as to the intelligence and the future opinions of their constituents. The thoughtful and responsible class in the West is evidently for gradual contraction and resumption. One of the heaviest Western bankers in Congress is a contractionist. The leading business men are on that side. The West has a large population which is silent in politics, but is accustomed to think for itself. There is more culture there than our Eastern people suppose.

Many of the Western journals are showing an acuteness and breadth of culture in their discussions on the currency, which will soon educate their readers. Moreover, each individual throughout the West will feel in his own pocket the consequences of the ignorance of his Congressional representatives of the simplest principles of political economy. There is nothing which quickens mental activity like pecuniary interest. For the next three or four years, the journals of the West will be crowded with earnest discussions as to the nature and limits of a circulating medium, and the advantages or losses from an irredeemable currency. The experience and history of all civilized nations will be searched—the true functions of a standard of value and the dangers of allowing Governments to meddle with the medium of exchange will probably be fully understood. We have unlimited faith in discussion, especially with an intelligent population like the Western. The speculators, and debtors, and politicians may temporarily make the most noise; but the silent men, who have carried every reform in our affairs for the past twenty years, will be heard from when the questions of national honor and financial soundness are fairly before the people.

AFFAIRS IN ARKANSAS.

The latest dispatches from Little Rock do not materially change the condition of affairs. The rival "Governors" continue "intrenched" in their respective "positions," BROOKS holding the State-house, while BAXTER is forced to be content with quarters in a tavern. Each is surrounded by a few scores of his partisans, and each keeps up the miserable farce of maintaining his authority by military force. Each issues his daily proclamation asserting his legal right to office, and warning his opponents to disperse.

It is not possible to have any sympathy for either of these factions. Both have resorted to unlawful means to get or retain power. Both are willing to bring ruin upon their State in order to attain their personal ends. There is no question of the public welfare in dispute between them, and we must do them the justice of saying that they do not assert that there is any. There is nothing whatever in the squabble but the political power of the State as administered through the Governor, and there can therefore be nothing in it but base and partisan purposes. The relative merits of the two contestants for the place are not considered, and hardly their relative legal rights. It is true both sides have a great deal to say on the latter point, but both are constantly violating the forms of law, and the sincerity of their devotion to the cause of law and order cannot be admitted. In all its aspects the affair is in the highest degree discreditable, and whoever is responsible for it, whether Governors, Senators, or Judges, will be severely condemned by public opinion.

But while this general view must be taken of the trouble, it is necessary to use some discrimination in judging of the events which produced the present state of things. It has been asserted, and not denied, that the Legislature of Arkansas alone has the power to decide upon the election of a Governor. It is notorious that the Legislature, in conformity with the Constitution, declared ELISHA BAXTER to have been elected Governor in 1872. It is stated, and so far as we have seen has not been denied, that the Supreme Court of the State refused to pass upon the question of the Governorship for the want of jurisdiction, because the matter was wholly within the province of the Legislature. If the higher court had no jurisdiction, it is difficult to imagine how the inferior tribunal obtained it. If the Supreme Court could not remove BAXTER on proceedings in *quo warranto*, it is scarcely possible that a Circuit Court could displace him on judgment of ouster. But whatever may be the merits of these several points, the statement of them proves that the questions involved are purely legal ones. The use of force, therefore, by either side, becomes more inexcusable when the matter in dispute is clearly understood.

In its political aspect this quarrel is equally disgraceful. From the events of the past year we are prepared to admit that it is quite probable BAXTER has proved false to the party which placed him in power. He was the Republican candidate, and was declared elected by a Republican Legislature. If he used his power when he thought himself secure in his seat for the benefit of the Democrats, it was no credit to him, and was a misfortune to the party which elected him. But political treason made no change whatever in his legal status. If he was the lawful Governor of Arkansas before his apostacy, as the Republicans repeatedly and in the most solemn manner declared, he surely was afterward. But if the conduct of BAXTER and the Republicans must be condemned, that of BROOKS and the Democrats is equally open to rebuke. BROOKS was the candidate of the Democrats for Governor in 1872, and he now seems to be the tool of Republicans who desire to displace BAXTER. On the other hand the Democrats, who bitterly opposed BAXTER during the canvass as utterly unfit for any public trust, are now his hot partisans. The whole muddle shows such a total want of principle in all concerned, that it is to be hoped the politicians of Arkansas are peculiar to that State.

The whole nation is disgusted with the squabbles of these politicians in the South. That such is the case was shown by the general approval of the conduct of the President in the Texas matter, and by the even more hearty approval of his action thus far in this affair. His interference has been only to the extent of seeking to preserve the peace, and there is no probability that he will go further. If these men insist upon disgracing themselves, their State, and country, by forcing a civil war, it will become the duty of the President to put a summary, end to them and their proceedings. There is no doubt that he will do it, and when a conviction of this fact gets into the disordered brains of the Arkansas malcontents, there is reason to believe they will acquire discretion, and become decent.

REPORT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

We give elsewhere a full abstract of the report of the Civil Service Commission, which has just appeared. The subject treated is one of great interest, and ought to arrest the attention of the country. The report is an elaborate document, which presents all the facts and reasons needed for an intelligent judgment upon the new experiment in administration. A message of President GRANT, in December, 1870, called the attention of Congress to the grave need of civil service reform. In March, 1871, Congress authorized the appointment of a commission to prepare rules. The civil service rules went into effect December, 1871. Since then they have been applied in Washington and New-York City under all the difficulties incident to a new experiment. Time enough has elapsed to enable a correct opinion to be formed as to the effect and tendency of the new system. It was to be expected that some mistakes and much misrepresentation would attend its early stages. Such has been the fact.

But the report shows, by facts and opinions so decisive as to place it beyond reasonable question, that the experiment has been successful, that the public service has been materially improved, and that still greater improvements can be readily made. The methods of examination are sound and practicable, and fairly test the qualifications of the candidates for appointments. The abuses of the spoils system have been materially checked, officers of greater merit have been secured, and better administration has been the result. The new system, thus far, has broken the monopoly of the jobbers in politics, has checked the trade in patronage, has blocked the road of mercenary demagogism and unworthy solicitation, in the same degree that it has opened it to fair attainments and personal worth.

The problem is now narrowed to the question whether the people will resolutely press their demands for reform, and whether those in power have the wisdom and public virtue needed to carry it on. The pledge which the Republican Party made, in its resolutions, to reform the civil service—the promise involved in the election of the President to go on with the great work—has thus far been substantially kept. There has been great fault-finding and some short-comings, but on the whole the results for good have been as great as could reasonably be expected when dealing with so large and complicated a subject. Many persons were, on principle, hostile; many doubted the practicability of the plan proposed; many were destitute of faith in the public honor and virtue, and misrepresentation and misconception filled the air.

The time has come perhaps when an effort will be made in Congress to overthrow the new system. This may take the shape of a refusal to make an appropriation. The President wants $25,000 to carry it on next year—the same sum that was voted last year. It seems to us but a trifle for such a purpose, and that an overwhelming public interest and duty require that it should at once be voted. The scheme proposed by Congress of dividing appointments among its members—the only suggestion of civil rights reform offered as a substitute for that adopted by the President—we have always condemned; and the report presents overwhelming arguments against it. The scheme would ruin any party, and throw suspicion upon all members of any party which supported it.

The question of civil service will abide whatever Congress may do. If kicked out of Congress it will be taken up by the people, where its real strength has always been. It is very plain from the facts shown in the report that the new system is not to die—if die it must—from any intrinsic weakness, from any want of adaptation to our system, or from any lack of proof that it is a public blessing; but only by a hostile blow from members of Congress, whose usurpations of power it would check, deliberately delivered in face of the highest evidence of great benefits from the new system. The people would not fail to comprehend the significance of such action. It could not fail to be disastrous. The demand for a reform thus supported, and this defeated, will be sure to be increased. Already the system has been extended to the Federal offices in the City of New-York, and when were these offices ever more worthily filled, or the local administration more efficient, or freer from corruptions? It is a matter of universal observation that never before has the mail service been so satisfactory in this City as within the last eighteen months, during which clerks and letter-carriers have been selected by competative examination under the civil service rules.

More and more the questions of honesty and efficiency in administration are becoming the great questions of the country, upon the solution of which its safety depends. The agitation caused by the moiety question, the Sanborn contracts, and the Louisiana difficulty, illustrates this truth. Civil service reform, in its broad sense, comprehends all these questions. Honest men and honest parties, relying upon honest sentiment, cannot afford to be on the wrong side of such questions. Our interest in the Republican Party, our pride in its record, our hopes of its future—but, more still, interest in the welfare of the country, and our sense of the perils threatened by the dishonest influences which gather about the public administration—make us anxious that Congress should deal with this great question of civil service reform in the spirit of enlightened and sagacious statesmanship. We hope the reform may find strength in a sentiment far above a mere regard for the consistency or safety of a party, but if this be not possible, we trust the dominant party in Congress will be too wise to deal a fatal blow at its own noblest work—a course which would not only be a mistake, but a disgrace to itself and to the nation.

BRIC-A-BRAC.

In the days when the fashionable world of London amused itself with dining and dancing in the splendid saloons of HUDSON, the Railway King, in the vast mansion now occupied by the French Ambassador, the small wits of that society exercised their ingenuity by inventing Malaprop speeches for their host's wife, one of which used to be: "I buys my bigotry of HOWELL & JAMES, and my virtue in Cranborne Alley." The taste for articles of *vertu* has increased since Mr. HUDSON'S day, and has become a rage. During the last few weeks, two or three sales have been reported from Europe at which fabulous prices were recorded. At one of these the property disposed of belonged to the late Hon. FRANCIS FORBES—a gentleman who died four months ago at a very advanced age, and who had enjoyed extraordinary opportunities for picking up "bric-a-brac." Mr. FORBES had been in the diplomatic service for sixty years, and was an habitué of foreign capitals in the days when a fine piece of old Dresden or Sévres might occasionally be secured by one who was skilled in running such treasures to earth at a very moderate price. We observe in the list of his property mention of a relic which, we hope, passed into the hands of an American, a watch bearing the inscription: "*Horologuim Taddei Kosciusko viri immortalis Pynus amicitiæ Georgii Washingtonii*, 1783."

Probably the modern ardor for making these sort of collections dates from the later half of LOUIS XIV.'s time. WALPOLE, who visited France about the middle of the last century, was greatly delighted with the profusion of *objets d'art* he found in the hotels of the great nobles, and laments that in England they were scattered all over the country, instead of being, as in Paris, concentrated at the capital; although in the aggregate the collection of paintings and plate, especially, was probably quite as great in England as in France. The latter was, from the beginning, especially the home of bric-a-brac, for there ormolu, bronze, and the finest porcelain, were at home. WALPOLE himself justly stimulated the taste in England, and it steadily grew with the means of gratifying it. These sort of collections have been vulgarized of late years by the fact that in many cases they are simply made to sell. Thus Mr. BERNAL, father of the well-known Mr. BERNAL OSBORNE, made a collection which was estimated to have cost £20,000, and which sold for £60,000, forming it with the avowed intention of turning over his money.

Many collections made with a similar end have been sold of late years, but still there are, of course, especially in England, a large number which have been prompted purely by a love of art. Very few, however, even of these have, when on a large scale, survived even a century. That of Strawberry Hill lasted but a few years; BECKFORD'S treasures at Fonthill were dispersed during his life; Stowe was only in its zenith some seventy years; DEMIDOFF'S was sold in his life-time. A more remarkable instance of good luck was seldom afforded than in the sale of this last collection. It was removed from the Prince's Italian villa to Paris, and sold there in 1870. Had a few months' delay taken place, his market there would have been utterly gone, whereas as it was he received unheard-of sums, far in excess of what the Duke of BUCKINGHAM realized at Stowe. During the last two years, the two English collectors who gave the highest prices—Lords HERTFORD and LONSDALE—have died, and no one quite so prominent in this respect remains. Lord LONSDALE'S passion was for china, of which he had the finest collection in the country, and his last outcry, the day before his death, was to feast his eyes on a coming purchase at CHRISTIE & MANSON'S. His near neighbor in London, the banker-peer, Lord OVERSTONE, formerly Mr. JONES LLOYD, the only man in England who is said to live on the interest of his interest—is also very rich in ceramic art treasures.

The taste for such things is growing rapidly in New-York, and is likely to have a salutary influence in elevating taste in regard to domestic appointments; but great collections are scarcely likely to be found in a country where property so rarely remains through several generations in the same hands.

HEARTLESS CRUELTY.

A painful story is going the rounds of the Western papers concerning the sufferings and indignities inflicted on a free and independent citizen of Tennessee, for an infraction of the Revenue laws. The person who records this last instance of Federal tyranny and oppression relates that he first saw its unhappy victim through the windows of the jail. He was working at a carpenter's bench, and remarked with a suffering air, as he locked the door behind him in response to an invitation to go across the way and take a drink, that "they had him in there for illicit 'stillin'. He was next seen sitting on the fence which surrounds his cruel prison-house, mournfully regarding the convivialities of a party enjoying in the neighboring drinking-place the air and the whisky of freedom. Again did this noble-minded captive consent to partake of that refreshing beverage at the expense of sympathizing friends, and again, as he "allowed" to the weeping bar-keeper that he'd take a little more sugar in the next, did he disclose the painful story of his wrongs. "Yaas, got me in here for illicit 'stillin'." When last seen he was encountered about three miles from the jail on the way home, to spend a week or two with his bereaved family, and still in response to sympathetic inquiries this persecuted man could only murmur: "Yaas, got me in here for illicit 'stillin'."

We do not wish to be invidious, nor to discredit in the slightest degree the humanity and benevolence of our own prison officials. Yet, from recent revelations of the way things are conducted in the Penitentiary and at Sing Sing, we fear that the barbarous method of imprisonment is in danger of being naturalized in our midst. We should not be surprised, for example, any day, to hear that Mr. T——d had been seen dining at DELMONICO'S, and mournfully remarking to Commissioner STERN, "Yaas, got me in here for illicit stealin'!" And if the story told by Mr. SHORT, ex-convict, to the Poughkeepsie *Eagle*, is to be accepted as correct, Sing Sing presents a record of cruelty in the "illicit 'stillin'" line not less heartrending than the experience of the hapless Tennessean. Mr. SHORT, indeed, appears to have escaped the brutal neglect which made imprisonment so intolerable to that injured man. But within the limits of the prison walls, Mr. SHORT seems to have been denied almost every one of the ordinary prison luxuries. According to his own story, he set up in the workshop a whisky still, which he ran uninterruptedly for about six years, and which yielded him the handsome sum of nearly $7,000. But this is scarcely to be wondered at when he was in the habit of selling four gallons a day at the rate of $16 a gallon.

And who, it may be asked, by buying this poor man's whisky, forced him to endure the cruel and unusual punishment of making it, "sitting up for that purpose," as he says pathetically, "sometimes all night?" Not the keepers. They acted with the utmost kindness, taking about three-fourths of his actual profits, "so that one of them was able to build a four-story house." It was Mr. SHORT'S fellow-convicts who treated him thus barbarously, forcing him, in order to meet their oppressive exactions, to give up almost entirely all other work, and to devote himself alternately to stealing barley, "of which he could get all he wanted," as there are "large quantities used in the soup," and then to "making mash in the work-house wash-tubs." Well might "all the boys say that there never was such a man as him"—Mr. SHORT'S grammar is not so good as he avers his whisky to have been, of which "no man could take two glasses without water,"—in prison, and when he left they all declared "there "never would be another JIM SHORT at Sing Sing." In this, however, it appears they were mistaken, for Mr. SHORT, on being released from his painful situation—he was pardoned for good behavior—was vindictive enough to sell his still for $100 to another convict. His resentment even went to the extent of telling his successor "where he could get another still made in case the first was discovered and taken away." Another unhappy wretch is even now being persecuted as Mr. SHORT was, and, as he has several years to serve, may be compelled to make at least $20,000, in the opinion of the experienced SHORT, before he is released. His sufferings, however, we are glad to know, are alleviated in some degree by the same kind keepers who relieve him of the burden of most of his profits. The names of these worthy men Mr. SHORT declines to give, from motives highly creditable to his prudence and foresight, "because if he ever goes back to Sing Sing he wants to be treated well."

We cannot say that we accept Mr. SHORT'S narrative as undiluted truth. But it seems worth while for Warden HUBBARD to set at rest the public anxiety which will necessarily be caused by this story of oppression. We live, thank heaven, in a Christian land, (however readers of Congressional debates may doubt it,) where not even convicts are to be forced to make money by "illicit 'stillin'" inside the prison walls—unless they want to do it and will divide with the keepers.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE ITALIAN OPERA.

"Lohengrin" is to be sung at the Academy of Music this evening, Mme. Nilsson, Miss Cary and Signori Campanini and Del Puente filling the rôles they assumed when Wagner's fine opera was produced a few weeks ago. The performances now to occur will be the last in which Mme. Nilsson is to take part, for the Swedish prima donna sails for Europe May 6.

YESTERDAY'S CONCERT.

The concert at the Grand Opera-house last night was pre-eminently successful. M. Henri Wieniawski took his benefit, and the house was crowded to do honor to the distinguished violinist. M. Wienawski and Mlle. Di Murska were the chief performers, but the Ninth Regiment Band did some good service, and Signor Ferranti's buffo songs gave an agreeable variety to the programme. The system of unreasonable *encores* was plied with great assiduity last evening, and as a consequence the concert was prolonged to a rather late hour. M. Wieniawski had to play three times in succession, and exacting demands were also made on Mlle. Di Murska and on Signor Ferranti. Mlle. Di Murska sang a florid aria, "Che gioja," with orchestral accompaniment, but this did not bring out the artist's qualities so well as the celebrated aria, "Gli angui d'inferno," from "Il Flauto Magico," or "Ah, non giunge," which concludes "La Sonnambula." The band of the Ninth Regiment furnished good selections of classical and popular music, but orchestral music was a little too preponderant in the programme.

A THOMAS BENEFIT NIGHT.

The Brooklyn Philharmonic Society, in recognition of Mr. Thomas' labors during the season just closed, has tendered him a benefit concert, which will take place Wednesday, at the Brooklyn Academy. Raff's "Lenora" and a variety of orchestral numbers will be recited by the full Philharmonic orchestra, under Mr. Thomas' baton, and Mr. Whitney will sing. An immense audience—one in keeping, be it said, with the deserts of the *bénéficiaire*—may be depended on.

SATURDAY'S SYMPHONY CONCERT.

On Saturday evening, the last of Mr. Thomas' excellent symphony concerts occurs at Steinway Hall. The programme to be interpreted is as follows:

Symphony, E flat.....Mozart
Aria, "O Pardon Me, My God," Passion music....Bach
Violin obligato by Mr. E. Listemann.
Miss Adelaide Phillipps.
Variations on a theme by Haydn, (new).....Brahms
Aria, "Dove sei amato bene".....Handel
Miss Adelaide Phillipps.
Vorspiel, "Die Meistersinger von Nuernberg"..Wagner
Symphony No. 7, A, op. 92.....Beethoven

TO-NIGHT'S PROMISE.

Miss Neilson acts in "Romeo and Juliet" at Booth's Theatre this evening. At Niblo's a comprehensive variety entertainment will be given. At the Lyceum a new drama called "La Marjolaine," in which Mr. F. F. Mackay and Miss Fanny Foster will fill the leading parts, is to be acted. Mr. Dominick Murray returns upon an engagement at Wood's Museum. The Colosseum offers to enlighten the dark recesses of the Cyclorama of London. At Robinson Hall Prof. Cromwell's art views are shown as usual, Switzerland being the subject of this evening's panoramas. We note no change of bill elsewhere.

THE IRON TRADE.

THE MANUFACTURING INTERESTS OF HARRISBURG.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HARRISBURG, Monday, April 13, 1874.

Leaving Philadelphia for Harrisburg is to part with the consumer of iron for the maker of iron. Harrisburg may be said to be a half-way house between Philadelphia and Pittsburg, and the banks of the Susquehanna River certainly offer a tempting location for a blast furnace or a rolling mill. But location is not the only desideratum for such manufacturing ventures, and Harrisburg and its surroundings have a pretty practical knowledge of the fact that the times, so far as iron is concerned, are a good deal out of joint. True that her local mills and furnaces are all running, but it is one thing to make iron and another thing to sell it. Stacks of iron are pretty to look at, but we know, for John Campbell has told us so much, that "distance lends enchantment to the view;" and when that distance means a check or a sound note of hand in one's pocket, it is really quite refreshing to contemplate.

In Harrisburg proper, business partakes of the dullness affecting the iron interest in all parts of the country, and yet it is not so depressed as in some places. For instance, all the mills and furnaces are at work, while at Columbia, further down the river, nearly all, if not all, the furnaces are blown out. The Lochiel Rolling Mills, of which Mr. A. J. Dull is the proprietor, have run on steadily through the Winter in spite of the panic. This has been the result of a combination of circumstances—the finishing up of some old contracts for rails, the reception of a few orders to keep things going, a slight reduction of wages, to which the men willingly acceded, and Mr. Dull's ability to stand some "stocking," that is, accumulation of stock on hand. These works have been going on in a happy-go-lucky way, but always managing to keep going in full force and on full time. Mr. Dull has, of course, had to make some sacrifices, but this he seems determined to do, rather than to shut down the works and throw all his people on their own resources in hard times. He says that he fancies he sees a slow but steady improvement going on, which, by the Fall, may result in a fairly busy season. But he thinks, as do his neighbors, that it will take some time before any very flourishing account of the iron trade may be expected. The Pennsylvania Steel Company's works, about three miles down the river from Harrisburg, are fairly busy. But steel has not suffered so severely as iron, and the reputation of the Pennsylvania Steel Company's product has a deservedly high reputation, which always commands a certain sale in the worst of times. The blast furnaces are, I take it, piling up a goodly supply of pig-iron, and are working up all the ores they contracted for last year. Ore this year will be from twenty-five to thirty-three per cent. cheaper; so that by doing a little mixing, and with a fair demand for pig-metal, the furnaces will, it is to be hoped, manage to ease off the disastrous effects of the late panic. The mills at Duncannon, about eighteen miles west of here, are to start up to-day, I am told. Indeed, I judge that, with the exception of the rail-makers, the Western iron-masters are more busy than those of the East. I hear that at Pittsburg there is really a show of business, especially in the nail factories, and that the production of all the mills is over three-fourths of that of ordinary times. Some orders must come to the rail mills soon. There are said to be 75,000 miles of rail track in the country, and it is estimated that one-tenth, or 7,500 miles, have to be relaid every year. Taking the rails at sixty-seven pounds to the yard, this would give a considerable occupation to the rail mills, without the introduction of new railroad enterprises. The longer the railroad companies put off the day of buying, the greater will be the business accruing to the rail mills. How great will be the accumulation of their requirements may be judged from the statement of a prominent iron-master, made to me to-day, that "the railroad companies have not, for the last six months, bought more than twenty-five per cent. of their average replacement, in the way of engines, car-wheels, rails, &c." This statement was supplemented by the enjoinder, "You gentlemen of the press must look out for railroad accidents very soon!"

I find here, as elsewhere, that the financial question is a very prominent topic of discussion. The desire for a more elastic currency and free banking of some sort or other seems to be prevalent among the iron men; though, naturally, the already-established bankers are opposed to it. Both sides appear to anticipate from free banking an approach to a standard rate of interest which will be liable to far less fluctuation, except in times of panic, than the system of banking now in vogue. The bankers will not straightforwardly admit this, but it is evident from the arguments they advance against free banking that they think high rates on loans will be delights of the past under such a system, except just at such times when banks are calling in their resources and do not care to make loans at any rate. Such men as Mr. Dull and the other leading iron-masters of this district seem to attach little importance to the proposed increase of the currency in circulation. They say that the increase is too small to be seriously considered, and is not the representation of the principle they desire to see carried out. They do not seek inflation; they seek greater elasticity. They say: "At certain seasons certain demands for money arise—demands of the most thoroughly legitimate character; and yet, under our present currency system, not one dollar in excess can be issued by any means to meet those natural and legitimate demands. What are we to do? We want currency to pay our laborers. We are told by the banks that the currency has all gone South to pay for the cotton crop, or West to bring grain crops to the seaboard. Thus, though possibly highly prosperous, we find it difficult to pay our labor." It is not my province to reply to these statements. Fortunately for me, I am not a legislator or a Congressman. But one thing comes prominently before me in journeying about, and it is that manufacturers of high standing, men who think before they speak, men who are even stern opponents of inflation, are undoubtedly more than discontented with the present financial arrangements for conducting the trade and commerce of the country.

MR. EMERSON AND GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.

The Glasgow *Herald*, of April 7, publishes the following letter from Mr. Emerson to the committee formed to promote his election as Lord Rector of Glasgow University: "Concord, Mass., March 18, 1874.—Gentlemen—I received, a few days since, your letter of the 17th of February, inviting me to allow my name to be proposed as one of the candidates for the Lord Rectorship of the University of Glasgow. I confess to a surprise that reached almost to incredulity, which the careful reading of your letter changed into a respect and gratitude to the kind and noble feeling with which you and the young gentlemen whom you represent have honored me. Dr. Stirling's letter, which came to me with yours, added its confirmation and the friendliest details to your own. At first I thought the proposition so novel, and so unlikely to be sustained by the whole body of the matriculated students that I must not think of it as other than a kindest compliment of a few friends, and very precious to me as such, but only to be respectfully declined. On thinking it over, I find it is for you, and not for

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION.

The report of the Civil Service Commission has just appeared. It fills nearly 100 pages, and presents the subject of civil service reform in its relations to the Constitution, to public sentiment, and to parties, as well as in its bearings upon general administration. The following is an abstract of the report:

The rules arrange all the clerks and many officers having similar duties into groups, which are classified. All admissions to the service are to be the lowest class in the group. Promotions are from the lower to the higher classes and offices. Adequate attainments, as well as good character and sufficient health, are required by the rules for original admission; and the needed qualifications must be shown in order to secure promotion. Health is to be proved by evidence from physicians, and character by evidence from reputable citizens. Such proofs are to be made before the candidates are examined. But to prevent deception on these points, as well as to insure a test of practical capacity, the rules require that no original appointments shall be for more than six months, at the end of which time the service terminates, unless the appointee has shown such good qualities that he secures a reappointment. When once so reappointed he is not to be removed (within the regular term of service fixed by law) arbitrarily or merely to make a place for another person.

The examinations for admission to any department or great local office are conducted by a board of three persons, advised by the commission and approved by the President. These examiners have nothing whatever to do with appointments or political opinions, and are forbidden to take any part in getting office for any one. There has been no complaint that they have ever done so. Indeed, they cannot. The rules fix the subjects on which applicants are to be examined. Full notice is given to those who have signified a wish to compete for places in the service and have proper certificates of good health and good character. The country is divided into five districts, so that those wishing to be examined may have an opportunity as near their homes as practicable. Each of the five districts is a centre of competition, and all those residing therein, who may be examined, compete together. One of the examiners is the chief examiner from Washington, and the other two are Federal officers in the several districts. The subjects on which examinations take place are the following:

1. Penmanship; 2, writing and briefing letters; 3, elements of English grammar, chiefly orthography and syntax; 4, arithmetic—fundamental rules, fractions, percentage, interest, and discount; 5, elements of accounts and book-keeping; 6, history and geography—general questions, principally such as relate to the UnitedStates; and 7, prominent features of the Government of the United States.

Examinations for promotion relate to the practical duties of the office competed for. They require just the knowledge and capacity which any clerk ought to possess. The questions and answers are all in writing, and are preserved. The marking of the merits of the persons examined is on these papers, and its fairness can be at any time reviewed. The only case of complaint of injustice brought to the attention of the commission was reviewed, and shown to be so clearly unfounded that the applicant complaining admitted its justice in writing in a letter published in the report. Lists of those examined in each district, with the markings and gradings thereon, are preserved in the departments. When there is a vacancy, the place must be filled by the head of the department or office (who is never an examiner) from one of the three having the highest marks on one of the lists of the district applicants. This method also enables appointments to be fairly apportioned among the several sections of the Union, and it at the same time gives the appointing power fifteen persons from whom to make the selections. Each of these fifteen being shown to have adequate attainments, the appointing power is at liberty to select the highest character and the best business capacity among the fifteen. The cases must be rare in which those qualities will not belong to one of the fifteen having the best attainments, who have been examined. It will be seen that under this method the examiners are to judge of nothing which does not appear on the papers, and hence they have no chance to show favor which cannot be at any time detected.

There are regulations to prevent applicants remaining indefinitely on these lists, to prevent the same persons being too many times among the first threes, for securing a review in case of injustice, &c.

There are also provisions for special examinations, where the duties of a place are very peculiar, and require peculiar questions. All examinations are public, and the report shows that persons of bad character would not dare to appear at them. Those contesting have a strong interest and full liberty to expose bad character, if it exists among the fifteen highest eligible to appointment. District examinations have been held at Washington, New-York, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Savannah, with great success and small expense, and are soon to be held in other cities, beginning with Boston.

The proof seems to be decisive that the new system has to a considerable extent removed mercenary and partisan pressure from the departments, has stimulated learning on the part of those desiring appointments; has secured a better class of persons in the offices, and has developed habits of study and fidelity.

The reports show that the members of the Cabinet bear this decisive evidence to the good effects of the reform. We copy this language from the report:

They consider that the rules have promoted the public interests in various particulars, and among them in the following:

1. They have, on an average, where examinations apply, given persons of superior capacity and character to the service of the Government, and have tended to exclude unworthy applicants.

2. They have developed more energy in the discharge of duty, and more ambition to acquire information connected with official functions, on the part of those in the service.

3. They have diminished the unreasonable solicitation and pressure which numerous applicants and their friends, competing for appointments, have before brought to bear upon the departments in the direction of favoritism.

4. They have, especially where competition applies, relieved the heads of departments and of bureaus, to a large extent, of the necessity of devoting to persons soliciting places for themselves or for others time which was needed for official duties.

5. They have made it more practicable to dismiss from the service those who came in under the civil service examinations, when not found worthy, than it was, or is, to dismiss the like unworthy persons who had been introduced into the service through favor or dictation.

6. They have diminished the intrigue and pressure, before too frequent, for causing the removal of worthy persons for the mere purpose of bringing other, perhaps inferior, persons into the service.

And, for such reasons, these officers think that it is expedient to continue the reform upon the method upon which it has proceeded, making, from time to time, such modifications in details as experience may show to be most useful.

There are also competitive examinations for promotions. These examinations are so framed as to call for and test practical knowledge in regard to the duties of the place sought, and hence vary greatly in the several bureaus. The report sets forth a specimen of the questions. While it requires much experience to so combine the practice of examinations with the proper authority of the head of the bureau, as to secure the greatest benefit in making promotions, the experiences already gained shows that the difficulties may all be surmounted, and that great improvements have already been secured. It was to be expected that heads of bureaus would not desire their accustomed authority interfered with. But it is of great public importance to stimulate the ambition and reward the industry of lower grade officers, as well as to remove the favoritism and subserviency which the old system caused and perpetuated. It is also a part of the new system that clerks and officers in the service are not to be compelled to pay partisan assessments. They are to be at liberty to do as they please as to contributing to their party.

Such are the general features of the new system. It will be plain that it is not in but a limited degree directly applicable to cases where the Senate must confirm, or to Postmasters, but it is easily applied to the clerical force in the Post Offices, and generally to the large Custom-houses. And the report shows that great improvement have been made through mails being more regularly and promptly delivered as and from the Post Office in the City of New-York by reason of the application of the civil service rules to the selection of clerks and letter-carriers during the last twelve to eighteen months. The system can easily be extended to other Post Offices.

It must be apparent that all officers who wish to secure office and influence themselves by promising places and promotions in the public service to others; that all caucus demagogues who desire to levy assessments and to reward those who serve such demagogues, are as irreconcilably opposed to such a system as pirates are to justice.

There is every reason to believe that, as soon as the new method is known by the people to give better public servants in the great offices where it is being tested, they will demand the system shall be extended, and that analogous principles shall be carried out by the Senate. It is also to be hoped that the same method may be extended to State and city offices. If the great offices and bureaus shall be once filled with men who have gained their places on the basis of their character, their capacity, and their attainments, is it to be supposed that a mere scheming, selfish, intriguing politician can be put over them and be kept long in that position? If he should have any pride or sensibility, his impotence and the contempt of his subordinates would make his position intolerable. The reform may be compelled to work its way from the bottom up, but it will be none the less abiding and complete, if the people will only take the trouble to understand it. The party jobbers and mercenary partisans, by the vigor of their opposition to the new system, give evidence of their fear that it is slowly undermining the spoils system.

The report fully meets the charge that some of the features of the new system are borrowed from England and other countries. To some extent such is the fact. Why should we not borrow the good portions of any reform from the same country from which we brought our language, the habeas corpus, the trial by jury, and the common law? The real question is the merits of the system, and not who first applied it. Any other rule would deprive us of Christianity itself. It is not true that corrupt practices in regard to securing offices exist in Republics alone. They infest monarchies as well. They existed in England. There the Lords, the Church dignitaries, and the landed aristocracy had a monopoly similar to that enforced here by rings, mercenary cancuses, and the great speculators in party influence. The honest, intelligent men and women of England demanded that their sons and daughters, if qualified, should have a share of the offices. They achieved a great victory when they opened the doors of office to themselves, through civil service examinations. In this way the children of the poor and the humble have the same chance as the children of the Bishops, the Lords, the landed gentry, to reach the public service, except that the latter have succeeded in raising the standard of education so high as to retain a part of the old monopoly by reason of their greater facilities for high scholarship. The report shows that this adoption of competitive examination in England by the Liberal Party, of which John Bright and John Stuart Mill were members, is the greatest advance yet made toward republican institutions and democratic equality in that country.

Those features of the English system which demand a standard of qualifications needlessly high, which look to a permanent tenure of office, and which promote by seniority, are not applicable to our more liberal institutions, and are rejected by our rules, but provisions which place reasonable guarantees of integrity and feats of a necessary amount of intelligence at the gates of the public service, and which close those gates against venal influence and unscrupulous power, are surely as appropriate in a republic as in a monarchy. There is nothing in republican institutions or the character of our people hostile to demanding such tests.

The report next points out the great mischiefs that would follow from giving the power of nomination to members of Congress. By subdividing executive authority among the legislators, and thus reducing the President to a condition of decadence, the balance of our republican system would be destroyed, and Congress would become supreme. A nomination by a Congressman would be equivalent to an appointment. The whole clerical force would mingle directly in Congressional elections, for the tenure of office of that force would be involved in the results of such elections. Appointed officers and clerks would hold office no longer than the members that gave them office—that is, only two years. It is shown, also, that an equal division of offices among members is practically impossible. Such is the nature of the only method of reform proposed as a substitute for that of the President.

The report next answers the current objections to the reform, and points out the fact that the greater portion of them is founded in misconception. It is shown that the rules bring offices nearer the honest people, instead of keeping them away; that they break up the old monopoly of appointments, while preventing any new monopoly; that they strengthen and purify party action, having regard to principle, but check that flowing from corruption; that they increase the sense of official responsibility to justice and character, and develop a spirit of severe criticism of official delinquency; that they have not favored mere scholastic or ornamental attainments, but tend to fill the public offices with persons having useful attainments and practical capacity; and that the system is neither expensive nor cumbersome, but may be very effectively operated with small expense. If Congress will only take such action as to show the public that it means to redeem the pledge of the party, and sustain the President. An appropriation of only $25,000 is needed for the coming year, which is the same as has been made each previous year.

We have space to refer to but one more topic. The report strongly condemns the attempt being made to defeat the reform, on the ground that so little is being attempted as not to be worth a struggle. This argument of short-sighted and too-easily-discouraged friends is repeated by all its more adroit enemies, here and elsewhere, who are, however, at the same time energetically opposing the reform, because it is accomplishing and threatening far too much to suit them. It is a very clear case of one class of persons being wiser than another in their generation. If we would have great things we must neither despise the day of small things nor lose faith or courage.

If it can be demonstrated beyond question that the new methods introduced will enable the administration of the departments and offices in Washington and New-York City to be carried on more efficiently and with less expense, the problem of civil service reform will be solved, and the victory of the higher over the lower elements of our politics will be assured.

If the experiment was being tried in only a single department at Washington, or in only one great office, such as that of the Collector or Postmaster at the City of New-York, it would still have the substantial interest and importance which attach to the whole subject of bringing purer, abler, and wiser men into the service of the people. The question of merit against influence in conferring office—the question of checking instead of increasing the partisan and mercenary spirit in our politics—the balance of power between the bad system all good men condemn and the better elements which all bad men obstruct—in short, all the possibilities of reform at this time would be involved in the experiment. Defeat would mean a long eclipse of the hopes of reform.

If the results of one or two years more of adaptation and experience shall be as successful as the experiment has been thus far, there is no reason to believe that there will be, thereafter, little organized resistance to the principles adopted by the President. But if the present attempt at reform is defeated, the whole system of examination will be denounced as having been fairly tried, and as being an utter failure, and the system of spoils and the authority of partisans will be irresistible and universal for an indefinite time to come.

THE CASE OF THE SHIP PURITAN—CLAIMS OF THE TWO SALVAGE CREWS.

The case of the ship Puritan, Capt. Doane, abandoned by her crew off Sandy Hook, on Friday last, and rescued and towed into the bay by the steam-tugs Jacob C. Nesphie and Jacob Myers, all of which was published in THE TIMES of yesterday, excites much interest among the employes of the various towing associations, as well as seamen and shipping merchants generally. The salvors, including the Captains of the Nesphie and Myers and their respective crews number twelve men, each of whom in case they succeed in getting the one-third salvage allowance claimed, will come in for a snug little sum, variously estimated at from $3,000 to $6,000, not a bad recompense for twenty hours' pulling and hauling in bad weather. Mr. Benedict, of Brooklyn, has been retained by both crews. The following additional facts in regard to the saving of the ship and cargo were obtained by a TIMES reporter, yesterday afternoon, from the crew of the Neaphie, then lying at Pier No. 12 North River. When the two tugs came up with the ship the latter was on the large and dangerous shoal known as the "Outer Middle," from one and one-half to two miles south south-east of Sandy Hook, her hull pounding the bottom violently and her masts "springing like coach-whips." The water here at low tide is about eleven feet deep, but at this time, when the flood-tide was at its height, and a strong easterly gale, reinforced by a hard rain and thick weather, prevailing, the depth could not have been less than eighteen or twenty feet. The "shoe" had been torn off her keel by the repeated thumpings in the sand, and was floating alongside. The ship was boarded from both tugs simultaneously. On the deck and below everything was in confusion. The retreating crew had not even stopped to reduce the large spread of canvas which was momentarily adding to her danger by forcing her on the shoal. After dragging the ship off the shoal, an undertaking which consumed about half an hour, the two tugs took her in tow for the Long Branch dock, near Sandy Hook. There the Puritan was purposely run aground hard and fast in the mud, a precaution which resulted in stopping the leak. The work of pumping had been commenced on the moment of boarding, and continued all the afternoon and night until 8 A. M. on Saturday, when the water in her hold had been reduced from nine and a half to four feet, and subsequently, at her berth on the Brooklyn Docks, to a few inches.

While pulling her off the shoal, the hawser of the Neaphie snapped short off, and that of the Myers parted all but a strand and a half. The Puritan is a 1,200 ton ship, built at East Boston, in 1866, is 187 feet long, 37 feet beam, and 23 feet depth of hold. The value of the vessel and cargo is not known; but is variously estimated at from $100,000 to $200,000.

LONELY DEATH OF A STRANGE OLD MAN.

An old man, who called himself David Easton, about seventy years old, has been living by himself in a small shanty, about ten feet long by six wide, which was erected for him through the kindness of some of the members of the Police force of the Fourth Precinct, on a lot on Graham avenue, Brooklyn. His absence from his usual haunts since Friday aroused the attention of the residents of the vicinity, who informed Officer Lennon, and he, after knocking at the door of the shanty, and receiving no answer, broke open the window and entered. There he found the body of the old man stretched on a sort of a cot in one corner of the room, with the face and hands slightly eaten by rats. Although the room was in great confusion it seemed clear that he had died a natural death. Both the door and window were fastened on the inside, and there were no indications of violence. Besides the cot, an old stove, and a small bench, there was an indescribable collection of old junk in the wretched apartment. Nothing definite is known about the deceased, notwithstanding the length of time he has been living in the same place. He was well educated, it is said, and his manner indicated culture and refinement. He is believed to have been a tutor at one time. During the time he occupied the shanty in Graham avenue he was supported by the charity of the congregation of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and the church has taken charge of the remains.

THE GENEVA AWARD.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE INDEMNITY

BILL OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY PRESCRIBING THE MODE AND TO WHOM THE AWARD SHALL BE PAID.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The following is the full text of the bill reported from the House Committe on the Judiciary, to provide for the just and equitable distribution of the award made to the United States by the Commissioners at Geneva under the Treaty of Washington:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled: That out of the money paid by the Government of Great Britain, in satisfaction of the award of the arbitration at Geneva, under the Treaty of Washington, indemnification to the United States and citizens thereof, and corporations organized under the laws thereof, or the laws of the several States and Territories therein, shall be established and paid from the Treasury, in the manner hereinafter provided, to the following classes of claimants, in the manner following:

First—For all loss, destruction, or damage by any Confederate cruiser for whose acts the Government of the United States have made demand upon the Government of Great Britain, done to or suffered by all such corporations and citizens of the United States, actual owners of property at the time of its destruction, whether ships or cargo, or outfit, advanced or other wages paid officers and seaman, or freight actually earned.

To the officers and crews, being citizens aforesaid, all the wages which had been actually earned by them up to the time of their capture, loss, or destruction, in any vessel by such cruisers, together with the individual property of each respectively captured and lost or destroyed in the vessel so captured, who have not received the insurance thereupon; and to such officers and crews, or to any person on board either of said vessels, an indemnity for damages actually sustained from such capture or detention, and the amount expended in returning to their homes, or the place where they engaged in business or took employment, respectively, not including any prospective profits or wages, not earned at the time of capture, which had been heretofore paid them.

To the United States, for all vessels the property of the Government, or which were under charter to the United States, and for the destruction or loss of which the United States by the terms of the charter party, was liable, which were captured and destroyed and lost by said cruisers, together with the property of the United States on board, and the same indemnity to the officers and crew of said vessels, respectively, as hereinbefore provided in case of capture of private vessels, except where such losers were insured in part or in whole for the property so lost, in which case the indemnity shall be made only for the loss beyond the sum received by the loser for such insurance.

To all insurers, being citizens or corporations of the United States, respectively, having insured or reinsured property so destroyed, who shall show, by an exhibit of their books of account and business, or otherwise, that the war premiums actually received by them did not equal in amount the losses paid by them because of property there afterward captured, and lost or destroyed by either or all of said cruisers: *Provided*, That the amount paid to any mutual insurance company for losses so sustained shall be apportioned by the company among the members thereof at the time of the losses paid by them, respectively, in proportion to the interest then owned by each member thereof. *And provided further*, That no insurer shall have any claim or right in the claims of any assured herein provided for because of any assignment, either in law or in fact, unless such assignee had actually paid a just and adequate consideration therefor, other than underwriting the policy or settling or paying any loss claimed by the assured.

Secondly—To all such corporations or citizens, as aforesaid, who had paid a premium for war risks on vessels and cargoes, freights, or other property therein, after the sailing of either of said cruisers, to the amount of such extra on war premiums only, paid to them whether they suffered loss by capture of their vessels and property or otherwise by said cruisers. *Provided*, That in case of such premiums paid or secured to mutual insurance companies, the indemnity shall be the difference between the premium paid or secured and the returned security or premium therefor. *Provided further*, That no claim for war risks which has been heretofore or may hereafter be assigned or transferred to any person, in whole or in part, or on which any lien or interest is secured in any way, shall be allowed by the court before which such claim is made; and the claimant, in addition to his statement of his claim as hereinafter provided, shall declare under oath that there is no lien or claim thereon, and that no sale or transfer thereof has been made, either in whole or in part; and upon proof made to the satisfaction of the court that any lien has been put thereon, or that any assignment or transfer has been made of any such claim, the same shall be allowed; and upon proof being made to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury of any such lien, transfer, or assignment prior to issuing the warrant therefor, he shall stop the payment of any judgment thereon.

SEC. 2. That in ascertaining the losses so suffered no account shall be taken of prospective profits, or of freight not then earned, or of profits of charter parties not then fulfilled, save that where any vessel carrying freight or passengers, or bound on a fishing voyage, had partly performed her voyage, only at the time of such capture, destruction or loss, the portion of the passage money and freight which would have been, if the voyage had been carried out, then earned or accrued respectively, or the portion of the actual expense of such fishing voyage, is rated to the part or the passage or cruise to be performed at the time of such capture only shall be allowed, deducting the portion of provisions, and outfit then expended. In ascertaining the amount of such losses, the memorials, affidavits, depositions, and any other papers in the several cases of losses claimed respectively, now filed in the State Department, or official copies thereof, may be read in evidence. *Provided*, that no affidavit shall be read except where it appears to the satisfaction of the tribunal that the affiant cannot be produced before it as a witness, or his testimony taken by a Commission upon interrogatories, and in the hearing of the cause, any party claiming, shall produce all books, papers, letters, and documents that may be called for by a general description thereof, by any opposing party, or satisfactorily account for their loss or non-production, or suffer such judgment as is prescribed in section 15 of the act entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the United States," approved Sept. 29, 1789; and on the hearing of the cause, any competent evidence may be produced by either party, either *viva voce* or by deposition taken upon interrogatories, and for this purpose depositions may be taken by either party *de bene*, or the court may admit affidavits where it is satisfactorily shown that the witness cannot be produced, or his examination by interrogatories and cross-examination cannot be had.

SEC. 3. That within sixty days after the passage of this act, the Attorney General of the United States shall file in the Circuit Court of the United States, in a Circuit to be designated by the President, a bill in equity, in the nature of a bill of interpleader, which shall state, if any, what claim on said money paid upon said award is made by the Government of the United States for losses or damages, with a concise statement of the facts, grounds, and nature of such claims, respectively; and, also that the United States holds the money paid by Great Britain in pursuance of said award, and the interest accruing thereon, subject to the just claim of all persons and corporations entitled thereto, under the provisions and limitations set forth in this act, and not otherwise. All persons, companies, or corporations who have already filed claims in the State Department for losses or damages caused by either of said cruisers, shall be named as defendants in said bill, and that they claim severally to be entitled to portions of the said money, but the particulars of their several claims need not be set forth. And notice of the commencement and pendency of such bill shall be given by publishing the substance thereof in one public newspaper in each State and Territory at least once a week for three months successively. And such notice shall state the day of filing such bill, and that every person, company, or corporation claiming to be entitled to any part of said fund, and desiring to appear and become a party thereto to assert such claim, is required to enter an appearance therein within six months from the filing of such bill; and all and every person, company, or corporation, whether named as a defendant in said bill or not, who shall not enter an appearance thereto within said six months, shall be forever barred of all right or claim in or to any part of said award; *provided, however*, that the court may allow within thirty days thereafter, any party to enter an appearance upon proper cause, showing that such party was prevented therefrom by fraud, accident, or mistake.

SEC. 4. That every person, company, or corporation who shall, within six months after the filing of said bill, appear and claim to be entitled to any part of said award, shall be admitted as a party defendant therein; and within two months after the expiration of said six months, every claimant to any part of said award who has duly entered as a defendant in said cause shall file in said court a statement, under oath of the party or his duly-authorized agent, giving concisely and clearly the facts and grounds of his claim and the amount thereof, together with such exhibits as he may be advised, which statement and the exhibits shall be in print, and twenty copies thereof filed in said court: *Provided*, That those persons named as defendants and claimants in the bill may file such statement of their claims at any time after said bill is filed, and before the expiration of said six months, at their option.

SEC. 5. That immediately after the filing of such statement of claim by any claimant, the court shall fix a reasonable time for such claimant to take and file his evidence in support thereof, and shall allow the Government reasonable time to take and file evidence in opposition thereto; and any claimant shall be allowed to file evidence in opposition to any claim made by the United States to any part of such fund; and all testimony shall be taken in the manner and according to the practice of the Court in Equity causes, subject to the provisions of the second section of this act.

SEC. 6. That when the evidence is closed upon any claim, the court shall hear and determine the same in accordance with the provisions of this act; and in all its proceedings herein the court shall be governed by the rules of practice of courts of equity of the United States so far as the same may be applicable.

SEC. 7. That whenever more than $5,000 of any claim shall be disallowed by the court, the claimant within thirty days, but not afterward, may appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States; and whenever any claim exceeding $5,000 shall be allowed, the United States shall have the same right to appeal; and if any claim shall be allowed in favor of the United States exceeding $5,000, any claimant, or any number of claimants jointly, may appeal therefrom; and all appeals shall be taken according to the law and rules governing appeals in equity from the Circuit to the Supreme Court, but only so much of the record of the Circuit Court contained in the bills, proceedings, and evidence as may pertain to the claim in the judgment appealed from shall be sent up. Upon the allowance of any such appeal, it shall pass immediately to the Supreme Court for hearing, without awaiting the decision of other claims, and such appeal shall not delay proceeding in the Circuit Court upon other claims filed in the cause: *Provided, however*, That the death of any defendant shall not work a discontinuance of any part of the proceedings, but the legal representative may appear and prosecute his claim within such time as the court may order.

SEC. 8. That all appeals from the allowance or disallowance of such claims shall be entered at the term of the Supreme Court next after such appeal; and the Supreme Court shall give them precedence of other causes in such court, so far that they shall, if practicable, be heard at the term they are entered, and the decision of the Supreme Court shall be certified back to the court from which the appeal was taken.

SEC. 9. That when the time shall have expired in which any claim can be filed in said court, the Judge shall certify a list of all such claims, showing in detail the gross amounts thereof, to the Secretary of State, who shall cause a certified copy of such lists to be filed with the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 10. That whenever final judgment shall be rendered in the Circuit or Supreme Court in favor of any claimant, a certified copy thereof shall be issued to the claimant, and a like copy be filed in the State Department.

SEC. 11. That in case any judgment is rendered by a Circuit Court for indemnity for any loss or claim hereinbefore-mentioned against the United States at the time of the giving of the judgment, the Circuit Court shall, upon motion of the attorney or counsel for the claimant, allow out of the amount thereby awarded such reasonable counsel and attorney fees to the counsel and attorney employed by the claimant or claimants respectively, as the courts shall determine is just and reasonable, as compensation for the services rendered the claimant in prosecuting such claims, which allowance shall be entered as part of the judgment in such case, and shall be made specifically payable as a part of said judgement for indemnification to the attorney or counsel, or both, to whom the same shall be adjudged; and a warrant shall issue from the Treasury in favor of the person to whom such allowance shall be made respectively, which shall be in full compensation to the counsel or attorney for prosecuting such claim; and all liens upon, or assignments, sales, transfers, either absolute or conditional, upon whatever consideration, of any claim or part or parcel thereof provided for in this bill heretofore or hereafter made or done before such judgment is awarded, and the warrant issued therefor, shall be absolutely null and void and of none effect.

SEC. 12. That if the amount of all claims filed in said cause shall not exceed the amount of said award, all the judgments of said court, when final, or of the Supreme Court, shall be paid as soon as certified; but if it shall appear that the gross amount of said claim so filed, with the interest and cost thereof as herein provided, shall exceed the whole amount of said award and interest, then the judgments on the first class of claims, hereinbefore set forth only, shall be paid in full when certified, and of the judgments upon claims of the second class, hereinbefore provided, fifty per centum only shall be paid upon certificates thereof until all the said claims so filed in court shall be determined and go into final judgment, when the remainder of the money paid on said award, and the accrued interest, shall be divided pro rata among said judgment claimants, but not to exceed the full amount of their said judgments, with interest thereon up to the time of the rendition thereof.

SEC. 13. That when it shall appear to the Secretary of the Treasury by the certificate of the court, under the seal thereof, that a final judgment has been rendered in favor of a claimant, he shall issue his warrant for the payment of the same out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized, from time to time, to sell in the market after the notice, or cancel at his election, such amount of the bonds of the United States, in which such award paid by the Government of Great Britain has been invested as will reimburse the Treasury for the amounts paid upon such judgments on the United States for the amount of any judgment that may be recovered in favor of the United States against the money so paid; and after all judgments issued upon said losses and claims have been paid and satisfied, then it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cancel the remainder of said bonds, and cover the money secured thereby into the Treasury of the United States.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES—THE UNION REFORMED CHURCH SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Yesterday was the fifteenth anniversary of the Sunday-school and Juvenile Missionary Society of the Union Reformed Church in Sixth avenue, near Bleecker street. The church was crowded, and the exercises were very interesting, the singing by the children and the congregation being especially good. Rev. W. B. Merrit presided, and addresses appropriate to the occasion were delivered by E. R. Olin, Esq., and Rev. Mr. Strong, of New-Jersey, the latter gentleman taking the place of Rev. Howard Crosby, D. D., who was prevented from attending the anniversary on account of illness. Mr. Olin spoke of the benefits of the Sabbath-school and the beauties and comforts of religion, and exhorted his hearers to lead Christian lives. Mr. Strong in the course of his remarks said that Sunday-schools were to the young what conservatories and hot-beds are to flowers and plants. As the latter were protected by glass and heat from exposure and cold, so were children gathered in the Sabbath-schools shielded from and taught to battle with the temptations of the world. Mr. Strong enlivened his discourse with many entertaining anecdotes and apt illustrations, and greatly amused his hearers. Among the interesting features of the evening was the presentation of a number of complimentary certificates to various members of the classes. The annual report of Mr. Henry Dayton, the Sunday-school Superintendent, which was read, states that Mr. Charles E. Moore, once Assistant Superintendent, and Miss Jennie Magonigle, a member of the Young Ladies' Bible Class, died during the year. Mr. Moore and Miss Magonigle were much esteemed by the Sunday-school, and their death is sincerely mourned. The school is known as No. 27 of the American Sunday-school Union. It has on its roll six officers, twenty teachers, and 220 scholars with an average attendance of 160. An increase of fifty scholars is shown by this year's figures as compared with last, and much encouragement to continued effort is drawn from that fact. An entire new library of 375 volumes has been purchased, and the children are thus placed in possession of an abundance of good reading matter, suitable to their years and understanding. Mr. Freeland, the Treasurer of the school, reports as follows:

Total receipts for the year, $631 72; new library, $272; other expenses, $222 41. Balance in the treasury, $137 31. The Juvenile Missionary Society of the school is also referred to in the report as being in a satisfactory condition, and it is hoped in conclusion that as good a report of progress as the present one may be presented at the end of the year just begun.

PROFITS OF MINNESOTA FARMERS.

The Minnesota *Tribune* of April 15 says:

"Minnesota farmers have pretty generally disposed of their surplus wheat, and it is safe to say that they have realized, on an average, a dollar a bushel on all they have sold. Prices have ruled from six to twelve cents higher this Winter than they did last; the Winter has been open, the sleighing excellent, so that there has been no reasonable excuse for farmers holding their wheat over. Most of them, we are glad to know, have sold, got their money, paid some of their debts, and made more extensive preparations than usual for putting in crops this year. The wheat crop of 1873 was the salvation of Minnesota during the panic which swept over the land, and we come out of a financially hard Winter in a far better condition than we were in a year ago, when there was no panic."

EUROPEAN MAILS.

The steam-ship Main, which left Bremen April 4 and Southampton April 7, and the Inman steamer City of Richmond, from Liverpool April 9 and Queenstown April 10, reached this port yesterday. The news thus at hand is later by five days. The regular mails by these vessels will be distributed this morning.

WASHINGTON.

THE CURRENCY BILL.

PROSPECT FOR FURTHER FINANCIAL LEGISLATION THIS SESSION—THE SANBORN CONTRACTS—COLLECTION OF ARREARS OF TAXES—MOIETIES.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The President has not yet made public any intimation whatever as to his purposes in regard to the Finance bill now before him, but the conviction is very general and very strong that he will either sign the bill, or permit it to become a law without his signature. While this is the opinion that is nearly universal, a few who opposed the bill still adhere to a hope that it will be vetoed. Without reference to what becomes of the bill already passed, movements are already in progress to secure action in the Senate on the House bill, and various propositions for amendments as a basis of compromise are suggested by which the opposing parties may substantially unite in legislation on the subject. It is needless to say that any attempt to obtain further legislation at this session promises to be attended with very great difficulty, and with much delay. The House bill, in many of its provisions is wholly antagonistic to the Senate bill, and if passed would virtually repeal it; but as long as a very large number of Representatives and Senators are urging forward new measures, whether the bill already passed is approved or vetoed, it can hardly be considered to settle definitely the financial legislation of the session.

THE SANBORN REPORT.

The report of the Ways and Means Committee in the Sanborn case will probably not be completed and presented to the House before the last of the week. It will be drafted and presented to the committee by Mr. Foster. Almost every member of the committee has been free in expressions about their duty under the circumstances, and they seem inclined to make a very severe report upon the system of business which has been found to prevail in the Treasury Department. There is some talk of urging a bill for the reorganization of the department, which all agree is now badly organized by law. But objection is made against any attempt in Congress to reorganize the department at the present time, on the ground that the details of any plan to be adopted should be arranged by the head of the department himself. Various members of the House who have given attention to this subject think it is better to let the changes necessary be indicated from within the department, rather than from Congress. The bill reported from the Civil Service Committee does not go far enough to effect the purpose desired.

MOIETIES AND THE CUSTOMS LAWS.

At the meeting of the Ways and Means Committee, to-morrow morning, the subject of moieties to Customs officers, and the laws regulating the seizure of books and papers, will be considered. The committee will probably present its report to the House during the week, possibly to-morrow, and will endeavor to have it considered at the earliest opportunity. There will be no attempt to antagonize the Appropriation bills pending in the House by this or any other business, as it is exceedingly important that the Appropriation bills, or some of them, should be sent to the Senate, which is now considerably in advance of the House in its general business. It is, therefore, doubtful if the moieties question will be considered before next week.

A BILL TO COLLECT ARREARS OF TAXES.

The Committee on Ways and Means have appointed a subcommittee to draft a bill which shall enable the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to more efficiently collect the arrears of taxes, shown by the testimony in the Sanborn case to have been withheld. Members of the committee express a desire that ample provision shall be made for the collection of taqes due from American residents abroad, of which so large an amount was shown, by Sanborn's statement, to be still uncollected. It is supposed that the committee will agree to a bill which shall give the Commissioner of Internal Revenue a larger appropriation, to pay for information in cases of withheld taxes which may not be of record.

THE HOWARD INQUIRY.

There are many indications to show that the Howard Court of Inquiry will adjourn early in May, as up to the present time the only testimony which has been presented has been for the prosecution. But it is already stated by the friends of Gen. Howard that that gentleman is willing to rest his case upon the evidence adduced. Those who hold very intimate relations with the members of the court are of the opinion that the verdict will be an entire acquittal of Gen. Howard of any personal responsibility for the defalcations of his subordinates.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

The Senate Select Committee on Transportation at their meeting last night agreed to the report prepared by the Chairman, Senator Windom, of Minnesota. The report is elaborate, embracing a large mass of statistical matter not before collated, and contains a discussion of the alleged defects and abuses of the existing systems of transportation, and also the proposed remedies in detail. The remedies discussed are included under four general subdivisions, viz.: First, unregulated competition between railroads; second, direct Congressional regulation of rates and fares; third, the ownership and control of one or more freight railways by the General Government, and fourth, the improvement and creation of water routes. Each of these subjects is fully discussed, and the conclusion generally is in favor of improved water routes. Several specific recommendations are made, but these are withheld by the committee until the report shall be made on Wednesday or Thursday next. The committee are not unanimous on the measures of legislation they propose with reference to railroads, but are on their recommendation as to water courses. The constitutional questions are fully discussed. Senator Windom will, after making the report, fully epitomize and explain its contents.

MRS. POLK'S WAR CLAIM.

Mrs. Sarah Polk, widow of President James K. Polk, in her application to Congress for $2,040 to reimburse her for property taken during the late war says, at the beginning of the rebellion her whole sympathies and feelings were for the Government, and she thought secession and rebellion were wrong and talked against it. After the war commenced her sympathies were with the Southern people as relatives and citizens, but she never sympathized with efforts to break up the Government, and in her actions and sympathies she adhered to the Government throughout the war. The Court of Claims, however, was not satisfied with the evidence. The depositions of two colored servants were the proofs as to the taking of the property, and the body of their depositions appeared to have been written by the claimant's attorneys.

THE CONTINENTAL RAILWAY.

Gen. Hurlbut, in accordance with the authority of the House Committee on Railways, is engaged in writing a report in favor of the construction of the Continental Railway for transmission of freight from the Mississippi Valley to the tide water at or near New-York.

PERSONAL.

Judge Milligan, of the Court of Claims, is very ill.

THE CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION.

To the People of the State of New-York:

It is right that the people of the United States should know that the day and year which closed the century of American Independence—July 4, 1876—will be commemorated with ceremonies expressive of the gratitude and pride of a great nation; and, in accordance with the act of Congress of June 1, 1872, which created the Board of Finance, the following report is made over the signature of the President of the board:

The original law of Congress, enacted March 3, 1871, provided for "the celebration of the Centennial of American Independence by an international exhibition of the arts, manufactures, and natural resources of this and other countries, under the auspices of the Government of the United States."

And the act of June 1, 1872, fixed the capital to complete this great commemoration at $10,000,000, which was by the Commissioners apportioned among the several States and Territories on the basis of population.

Of this sum the State of Pennsylvania alone, aided by a subscription of $100,000 from the State of New-Jersey, has raised in the form of subscriptions to the stock and by appropriations from its Legislature and the Councils of Philadelphia, about $4,000,000, or nearly one-half the amount necessary to insure success. This provision having been made, designs for suitable buildings were approved, and othe preliminary and incidental arrangements have so far advanced as to justify an immediate commencement of the work of construction.

The Commissioners have appealed to the Congress of the United States, on the basis of these subscriptions, appropriations, and preparations, to maintain the spirit of the two laws above referred to, and the correspondence of the State Department with foreign powers has induced the Governments of the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Sweden, Liberia, Equador, the Argentine Confederation, Chili, Mexico, Hayti, and the Sandwich Islands to express their intention to participate, and they have every reason to believe that this appeal to Congress will be generously responded to.

Subscriptions to the stock have also been made by individuals in the States and Territories of Missouri, Illinois, Nebraska, Montana, Indiana, Nevada, Oregon, California, Louisiana, Florida, Maryland, Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, Arizona, New-Jersey, Delaware, Rhode Island, Arkansas, Alabama, New-York, Virginia, Iowa, and Kansas.

Such in brief is the condition of the organization for the international commemoration of the close of the century of American independence.

The City of Philadelphia was selected as the most fitting locality at which to celebrate the birth of American Independence for the reasons:

1. That from Philadelphia the Magna Charta of human liberty, the immortal Decl

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange, on Saturday, April 18, under a Supreme Court foreclosure decree, Oliver W. West, Esq., Referee, B. F. Fairchild sold a lot 25 by 100, with a five-story brick tenement-house upon the front thereof, and a similar house in rear, situate on East Twenty-first street, north side, 300 feet west of First avenue, for $20,500, the purchaser of the property being Bernard Amend. Joseph McGuire also, under a Supreme Court foreclosure order, G. U. Reynolds, Esq., Referee, disposed of a two-story and basement frame house, with lot 20 by 100.11, located on East One Hundred and Eleventh street, south side, 140 feet west of Second avenue, for $5,050, to John C. Griswold. Both these pieces of realty sold very low. The remaining legal auctions announced were postponed as follows: Sale by E. H. Ludlow & Co., of a house and plot on Washington avenue, Tremont, (Twenty-fourth Ward,) adjourned to Thursday; sale by E. A. Lawrence & Co., of a house and lot on East Sixtieth street, west of Second avenue, adjourned to Friday; and sale by Jere. Johnson, Jr., of a house and lot on West Thirty-eighth street, west of Tenth avenue, adjourned to Saturday of this week.

LAST WEEK'S BUSINESS.

The business of the past week has not been particularly active, although a considerable amount of property has changed hands under legal orders. In every instance the fact has been shown that at the present time the market is in a paralyzed condition, for at hardly any of the auctions held has the real estate offered brought a sufficient sum to clear off existing incumbrances. This state of affairs was also shown at the sale widely advertised and held on Thursday by Messrs. Muller & Co., at which some elegant lots, owned by Mr. Witthaus, located on the Grand Boulevard, Tenth avenue, Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh streets, were offered, for although there were present at the auction over 100 prominent operators in real estate, but one lot was sold, and this at about fifty per cent. below its heretofore estimated value. We regret to state these facts, but the truth must be spoken. How long this stagnation in business will continue is a question, but there will certainly be no improvement until the finances of the country are placed upon a more secure and more understood basis. The uncertainty in money matters has seriously affected the market all admit, but let confidence be restored and prices must advance over existing figures, if any such figures can be quoted, for there is now but little real market for the sale of any class of property. The total value of City real estate sold at auction for the week ending with Saturday, April 18, amounts to $539,202, as against $336,000, the figures for the previous week. Brooklyn real estate has also been sold during the week to the value of about $250,000.

THIS WEEK'S AUCTIONS.

The sales to occur, as far as announced, during the present week, all at the Exchange, except when otherwise noted, are as follows:

To-day, (Monday,) April 20.

By Jere. Johnson, Jr., executor's sale, to close estate of Hervey G. Law, deceased, of the five-story brick building, with lot 19.10 by 31.4 by 18.6 by 33.9, No. 25 Fulton street, north-west corner of Water street, and the five-story brick building, with lot 22.4 by 33.7 by 100, No. 306 Water street, west side, 31.4 feet north of Fulton street, in rear of above. Also, similar sale, to close estate of Gifford Wetjen, deceased, of the premises known as Nos. 164, 166, and 168 Canal street, and Nos. 27 and 29 Elizabeth street, embracing a plot of ground 47 by 50, located on the south-east corner of the streets named, and covered with brick and frame buildings now rented at the rate of $4,400 per annum. Also, public auction sale of a desirable residence, with grounds, located at Bath, Long Island, and situate on Carroll place, between Franklin avenue and the ocean.

By William Kennelly, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Wm. Sinclair, Esq., Referee, of two houses, with lots each 24.7 by 75, on First avenue, east side, 42.7 feet south of Forty-second street.

Tuesday, April 21.

By V. K. Stevenson, Jr., executor's sale to close estate of B. A. Hegeman, deceased, of the valuable four-story high-stoop brown-stone-front house, 20.5 by 56, with lot 21 minute No. 319 Madison avenue, north-west corner of Fifty-third street.

By R. V. Harnett, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Louis Fellows, Esq., Referee, of a three-story and basement brown-stone-front house, with lot 18 by 100, on Eighty-first street, north side, 100 feet west of Fourth avenue. Also, similar sale, E. P. Orrell, Esq., Referee, of two lots, together forming a plot in size 50 by 119, on Arthur street, Fordham, (Twenty-fourth Ward.)

By Hugh N. Camp, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Theodore F. Miller, Esq., Referee, of the three-story brick house, frame house, and lot 20 by 94.9, No. 809 East Eleventh street, south side, 118 feet east of Avenue B.

By E. A. Lawrence & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Daniel D. Gale, Esq., Referee, of a house with lot 25 by 100, on East Thirty-ninth street, north side, 175 feet east of Madison avenue.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Alfred T. Lackey, Esq., Referee, of a lease of the lot 20 by 100, with four-story and basement marble-front building covering same thereon, No. 650 Broadway, east side, between Bleecker and Bond streets. Term of lease eleven years from May 1, 1874, with renewal of twenty-one years at appraised valuation; ground rent, $6,500 per annum.

Wednesday, April 22.

By Richard V. Harnett, public auction sales of the following valuable City property: Three four-story and basement brown-stone-front houses, each 20 by 43, with lots each 50.3 feet deep, on West Sixty-second street, north-east corner of Ninth avenue; one four-story brown-stone-front house, 21 by 54, with lot one-half the block in depth, No. 308 West Thirty-first street, north side, 143 feet west of Eighth avenue; one four-story brick house, 18 by 60, with lot 100.5 feet deep, No. 207 West Forty-sixth street, north side, 133.9 feet west of Broadway; one lot, 20.6 by 100.5, on West Fifty-eighth street, north side, 200 feet west of Eighth avenue; two lots, each 18.6 by 60.11, on West One Hundred and Third street, south side, 137 feet east of Eighth avenue, and the leasehold premises Nos. 981, 983, and 985 Eighth avenue, embracing a plot of land 50 by 100, with three two-story brick stores and dwellings upon the front thereof and a brick shop in rear.

By E. A. Lawrence & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, E. D. Gale, Esq., Referee, of two lots, each 25 by one-half block, on West One Hundred and Fifteenth street, north side, 600 feet west of Sixth avenue.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Daniel J. Holden, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 20 by 98.9, on West Thirty-eighth street, north side, 50 feet west of Sixth avenue; also, Trustee's sale, under the direction of Geo. L. Schuyler, Esq., Referee, of a large stone dwelling-house, with twenty acres of improved land, located at Irvington, Westchester County, and situated on the bank of the Hudson River, between Irvington and Tarrytown Railway Stations. The land will be sold in Plot No. 1, containing 14 acres, with Plot No. 2, containing 6 acres, having 225 feet of river front; Plot No. 2, 7 16-100 acres, with same river front, and Plot No. 3, 5 57-100 acres.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., executor's sale to close estate of Robert H. Pearson, deceased, of the following leasehold property: Barclay street—The lease of the lot with the five-story basement and sub-cellar brown-stone store, No. 29 Barclay street; lot 21.7 by 114.7 feet, leased from Columbia College twenty-one years from May 1, 1874, with two renewals of twenty-one years each, ground-rent $1,793 per annum and taxes. Warren street—The lease of the lot with five-story basement and sub-cellar and marble-front store, No. 43 Warren street; lot 25 by 75 feet, leased from Trinity Church, twenty-one years from May 1, 1873, with two renewals of twenty-one years each, ground-rent $1,500 per annum and taxes. Thirty-sixth street, south side, 207.8 feet east of Seventh avenue.

By Dingee, Porter & Co., public auction sale of eight lots, together forming a plot in size 143 by 150, located at Morrisania, (Twenty-third Ward,) and situate on Washington avenue, south-west corner of One Hundred and Seventieth street.

By Hugh N. Camp, at Auction Exchange, Brooklyn, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, David McClure, Esq., Referee, of three lots, each 25 by 100, with improvements, on Kent avenue, Brooklyn, east side, 80 feet south of Division avenue.

By E. A. Lawrence & Co., at Schwalenberg's Hotel, Long Island City, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, James P. Darcey, Esq., Referee, of twelve lots, located on leading streets and avenues in the town named.

Friday, April 24.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, public auction sale of the premises No. 37 Cherry street, south side, between Roosevelt and Dover street, embracing a lot 17 by 73.4, with a four-story and basement brick house upon the front thereof, and a four-story brick house in the rear. Also Supreme Court foreclosure sale, John A. Lewis, Esq., Referee, of the three-story and basement brick house, with lot 25 by 100, No. 219 Thompson street, east side, 180 feet north of Bleecker street. Also, similar sale, George L. Ingraham, Esq., Referee, of the Spuyten Duyvil Rolling Mill property, located at Yonkers, Westchester County.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Walter L. Livingston, Esq., Referee, of the property No. 435 West Thirty-third street, north side, 450 feet west of Ninth avenue, comprising a lot 25 by 98.9, with front and rear buildings thereon.

By Hugh N. Camp, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, William Sinclair, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 20 by about 86, on East Fifty-sixth street, 333 feet east of First avenue.

By A. H. Muller & Son, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, William Man, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 25 by 100, on Stanton street, north-east corner of Willett street.

By R. V. Harnett, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, James E. Wheeler, Esq., Referee, of five houses, with lots each 20x100.5, on West Fifty-eighth street, south side, 275 feet east of Ninth avenue.

By E. A. Lawrence & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Edward D. Gale, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 29 by 100.5, on East Sixtieth street, south side, 100 feet east of Lexington avenue.

By D. W. Seaman, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, James R. Adams, Esq., Referee, of two lots each 25 by 94.10, on south side of Eleventh street, (no description contained in legal notice.)

By Simon Herrman, Referee, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, of three lots each 25 by 98.9, with improvements, on West Thirty-ninth street, south side, 300 feet west of Tenth avenue.

Saturday, April 25.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, A. J. Ackert, Esq., Referee, of the two houses, with lots each 25 by 97.6, No. 37 and 39 Ludlow street, and one house, with lot 21.10 by 100, No. 65 Hester street.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, John S. Patterson, Esq., Referee, of the following building lots: Two lots of 25 by 99.9, on West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, north side, 375 feet west of Seventh avenue, two lots each 25 by 99.11, on West One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, south side, 125 feet west of Seventh avenue, and two lots each 25 by 99.11, on West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, south side, 125 feet west of Sixth avenue.

By Joseph McGuire, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, M. J. Waldheimer, Esq., Referee, of a house with lot 25 by 98.9, on East Thirtieth street, north side, 175 feet west of First avenue.

By Jere. Johnson, Jr., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Theron R. Strong, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 25 by 90, on West Thirty-eighth street, south side, 200 feet west of Tenth avenue.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, N. Jarvis, Jr., Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 20.10 by 85, on Third avenue, south-east corner of One Hundred and Tenth street.

By E. A. Lawrence & Co., at Schwalenberg's Hotel, Long Island City, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, James P. Darcy, Esq., Referee, of seven parcels of land in the city named.

Should any sales have been omitted in the above list, they will be duly noticed on the day of the auction.

EXCHANGE SALES, SATURDAY, APRIL 18.

NEW-YORK.

By Benj. P. Fairchild.

1 five-story brick tenement-house, (front;) 1 five-story brick tenement-house (rear) and their lot 21st st., n. s., 300 ft. w. of 1st av.; lot 25x100; front house 25x50; rear house 25x25..... $29,500

By Joseph McGuire.

1 two-story and basement front house and lot, East 111th st., s. s., 140 ft. w. of 2d av.; lot 25x100..... $5,050

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Friday, April 17.

Attorney st., e. s., 100 ft. n. of Stanton st., 98x100.5, 2 part..... $25,000

Division st., s. s., 250.8 ft. w. of Rutgers st., 25x100; Broadway, n. s., 950.8 ft. w. of Rutgers st., 27.8x62..... 30,000

20th st., s. s., 200 ft. e. of 4th av., 16.8x98.9..... 19,000

35th st., n. s., 160 ft. e. of 3d av., 90x98.9..... 8,750

35th st., n. s., 100 ft. w. of 10th av., 50x98.9..... 6,000

36th st., n. s., 225 ft. e. of 9th av., 75x98.9 (Nos. 339 st., (Nos. 343 and 345 North,) n. s., 190 ft. e. of 9th av., 35x98.9..... 66,000

39th st., (Nos. 343 and 345 North,) n. s., 190 ft. e. of 9th av., 35x98.9; also rear lot adjoining above on n. w. s., 78.9 ft. n. of 39th st., 20x20..... 27,500

41st st., No. 119 West, n. s., 100 ft. w. of 6th av., 12.6x98.9..... 15,000

54th st., s. s., 125 ft. e. of 8th av., 24.8x100.5 71st st., n. s., 220 ft. w. of 3d av., 15x102.2; 71st st., n. s., 320 ft. w. of 3d av., 100 ft. 6 in. Avenue D, e. s., 24 ft. n. of 4th st., 24x160..... 23,500

Riverside av., s. s. corner 113th st., 101.1x150. 45,700

Union av., w. s., 75 ft. n. e. of East 150th st., 80x 301; (Morrisania.)..... 2,300

3d av., s. e. corner 54th st., 100.5x100; 54th st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of 2d av., 50x100..... 72,000

11th st., 172 ft. n. of 78th st., runs n. 19.11 ft. to e. s. of Riverside av., thence n. along Riverside av. to a point 102.2 ft. s. of 79th st., thence e. 83 ft., thence n. 19.11 ft. to e. s. of Riverside av., thence n. along Riverside av. to a point 102.2 ft. s. of 79th st., thence e. to a point 102.9 ft. s. of 79th st., thence n. 30 ft. to centre line of block, thence e. 100 ft. to w. s. of 11th av., thence s. along 11th av. 30 ft. to beginning..... 50,000

LEASEHOLD CONVEYANCE.

42d st., n. s., 375 ft. w. of 5th av., 25x100.5; 43d st., s. s., 375 ft. w. of 5th av., 25x100.5..$65,000

LEASES RECORDED.

Water st., No. 121, 5 years, per year..... $3,300

Avenue A, No. 54, (store and cellar,) 3 years, per year..... 1,200

Avenue C, No. 177, (store,) 3 years, per year..... 1,152

Avenue D, No. 40, 5 years, per year..... 1,350

1st av., s. e. corner 50th st., (1st floor and basement,) 4 years, per year..... 1,800

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—CENTRALLY LOCATED, A LARGE and substantial extra-wide corner house, recently and thoroughly overhauled and expensively fitted up. Any one wishing to secure a first-class house in a central location will do well to make inquiries in reference to this. Price, $65,000. Lot, 27.2x100 feet. Detached stable in the immediate vicinity can be had if desired.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO.
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FOR SALE, EXCHANGE, OR TO LET—NO. 20 West 57th st., new modern and first-class dwelling-house; brown stone; in perfect order. This property has a fine future before it, and can be bought at a great bargain. Apply at W. N. GRISWOLD'S Real Estate Office, No. 744 Broadway.

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TO BE SOLD AT A LOW FIGURE, A FIRST-class three-story brown-stone house, on 56th st., between Lexington and 3d avs.; furnished or unfurnished. B. W. WILLIAMS, No. 827 6th av.

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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—NOS. 130, 132 Mott st.; tenement property, 50x100. Apply at W. N. GRISWOLD'S Real Estate Office, No. 744 Broadway.

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FOR SALE ON BROOKLYN HEIGHTS—A first-class three-story basement and stil-cellar brown-stone dwelling on Hicks st., near Clark; size, 19 x45, lot 100; contains thirteen rooms; elevated oven range, furnace in cellar, heater in back parlor, and all modern improvements; the house is in perfect order and frescoed throughout in handsome style; will be sold with the furniture if desired; immediate possession. WYCKOFF & JAMES, No. 189 Montague st.

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AT THE WEST END OF LONG BRANCH
FOR SALE, ADJOINING
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Extra large and fine sea lot; large house, containing eighteen rooms, water, bath-room, laundry, &c.; furnished; large stable.

Price low to a prompt buyer.

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ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, LANDS, and village lots for sale; a great variety. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by WALTER E. SMITH, formerly Blackwell & Smith, Orange, corner Main and Cone sts.

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REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

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ESTATE OF DR. VALENTINE MOTT.

REFEREES' AND EXECUTORS' SALE OF

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LOTS, GORES, AND WATER FRONTS

AT AUCTION.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & WHITE

will sell at auction, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building,) New-York, on THURSDAY, the 30th of April, at 12 o'clock, the following valuable property, the estate of the late Dr. VALENTINE MOTT, viz:

RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD AND RIVERSIDE PARK.—Nineteen lots on Boulevard, fronting Riverside Park, between 93d and 96th sts., including five corner lots on 94th, 95th, and 96th sts., and mansion on 94th st.

NINETY-FOURTH STREET.—Thirty-one lots on both sides of 94th st., between the Riverside Boulevard and 11th or West End av.

NINETY-FIFTH STREET.—Thirty-five lots on both sides of 95th st., between said Boulevard and avenue.

NINETY-SIXTH STREET.—Thirty-one lots on the south side of 96th st., (which is 100 feet wide,) between said avenue and Boulevard.

ELEVENTH AV. WEST END AVENUE.—Twenty-two lots and gores on both sides of West End av., including the corners of 93d and 94th sts.

NINETY-THIRD STREET.—Ten lots and gores on both sides of 93d st., between West End and Grand Broadway Boulevards.

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On the above lots are various buildings, comprising dwelling-house, cottage, barns, greenhouses, &c., &c.

WATER-FRONTS.—Nineteen water-fronts on the 12th av., Hudson river, in front of the Riverside Park, and between 93d and 96th sts. The water grant was made to Dr. Mott by the City of New-York in 1852.

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Also, a lot of land on the corner of Montgomery st. and Albany av., in the Ninth Ward of the City of Brooklyn, 63.8x104.7 feet.

The usual executors' and Referees' deed will be given, and SEVENTY PER CENT. OF THE PURCHASE MONEY can remain on mortgage at seven per cent. for a term of years.

THE SALE IS PEREMPTORY,

and made by virtue of a judgment of the Supreme Court, directing the same through its Referees, and by the executors as such under the last will of the late Valentine Mott.

HENRY A. MOTT, } Executors and
JOHN CHETWOOD, } Referees.
JAS. MCQUADE, Referee.

T. WILBER BURD, Attorney for plaintiff.

Maps at auctioneer's office, No. 35 Pine st.; also, at office of the executors, No. 374 Broadway, No. 52 of JOHN CHETWOOD, No. 74 Broadway, and of JAMES MCQUADE, No. 52 Broad st.

JERE. JOHNSON, JR., Auctioneer,
(Office No. 21 Park row.)

MONDAY, APRIL 20,
at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room,
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POSITIVE EXECUTOR'S SALE,
by order of the Surrogate, to close estate of
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Splendid business property on Fulton and Water sts. No. 25 Fulton st., north-west corner of Water st., substantial five-story brick building, with cellar, now occupied as a stationery store.

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POSITIVE AND PEREMPTORY SALE OF NO. 15 ST. MARK'S PLACE, BEING THE PROPERTY OF THE LATE JAS. I. VAN ALEN.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 23,
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RUFUS HATCH,
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CITY OF BROOKLYN.....Saturday, May 2, 2 P. M.
CITY OF BRUSSELS.....Saturday, May 9, 12 M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, May 16, 2 P. M.

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.....May 5, at 3 P. M.
.....May 12, at 9 P. M.
.....May 19, at 3 P. M.
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Cabin passage, $80, gold.
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8:00 A. M., Chicago and Northern Express, with drawing-room cars through to Rochester and St Albans.

10:30 A. M., special Chicago Express, with drawing-room cars to Rochester, Buffalo, &c.

10:45 A. M., Northern and Western Express.

3:40 P. M., Albany and Troy Express, Saturday only.

4:00 P. M., Montreal Express, with sleeping cars from New-York to St. Albans.

6:00 P. M., Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Watertown and Canandaigua.

8:00 P. M., Pacific Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Rochester, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls; also for Chicago, via both L. S. and M. C. Railroads.

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For Patchogue, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M. and 4 P. M.

For Islip, an intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 4 and 5 P. M.

For Babylon, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 1:30, 4, 5, and 6 P. M.

For Merrick, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 1:30, 4, 5, 6, and 7 P. M.

For Hempstead, Rockaway, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 4, 5, and 6 P. M.

Sunday trains leave Bushwick for Islip at 9 A. M.

GEO. F. CARMAN, Superintendent.

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Trains leave New-York, from foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts., as follows:

Express for Harrisburg, Pittsburg, the West and South, with Pullman palace cars attached, 9:30 A. M., 5 and 8:30 P. M. Sunday, 5 and 8:30 P. M.

For Williamsport, Lock Haven, Corry, and Erie, via Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, 9 A. M. For Williamsport, 8:30 A. M., connecting at Philadelphia.

For Baltimore, Washington, and the South, limited, Washington Express of Pullman parlor-cars, daily, except Sunday, at 9:30 A. M., arrive at Washington at 4:10 P. M.; regular at 3:40 A. M.; 3 and 9 P. M. Sunday, 9 P. M.

Express for Philadelphia, 8:40, 9:30, A. M., 12:30, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8:30, 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5, 9:10, 9:30, and 9 P. M. Emigrant and second class, 7 P. M.

For Trenton and Bristol, at 7:20 A. M., 2, and 3:10 P. M. Sunday 6:10 P. M.

For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4, 4:10, 4:30, 5, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20, 6:10, and 8:10 P. M.

For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4, 4:10, 4:30, 5, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20, 6:10, and 8:10 P. M.

For Rahway, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 8, 10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 3:30, 5:10, 6:40, 7:40, 8:30, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20, 6:10, and 8:10 P. M.

For Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, and South Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 3:30, 4:10, and 8 P. M.

For New-Brunswick, 7:20 and 8 A. M., 12 M., 2, 3:10, 4:30, 5:20, 6:10, 7, P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 6:10 P. M.

For East Millstone, 12 noon, 3:10 and 4:30 P. M.

For Lambertville and Flemington, 9:30 A. M. and 4 P. M.

For Philipsburg and Belvidere, 9:30 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.

Accommodation for Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7:20 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 3:10, 4, and 7 P. M.

For Freehold, 7:20 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.

For Farmingdale and Squan, 7:20 A. M. and 2 P. M.

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WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

Commencing Dec. 1, 1873.—Leave New-York as follows:

5:15 A. M.—News Train for Easton, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c.

6 A. M.—Way Train for Plainfield.

7 A. M.—Way Train for Flemington, Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Mahanoy City, Mount Carmel, Hazleton, Tunkhannock, Towanda, Waverly, &c. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

9 A. M.—Morning Express, daily, (except Sundays,) for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Somerville for Flemington, at Easton for Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c., with through cars to Danville, Williamsport, &c.

10:30 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

12:40 P. M.—Express for Flemington, Easton, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.

2:30 P. M.—Way train for Easton, Allentown, and Belvidere.

3:30 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

4 P. M.—Way train for Somerville, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

4:30 P. M.—Way train for Somerville and Flemington.

5 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

5:15 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

5:30 P. M.—Evening Express, daily, for Easton, Belvidere, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Chicago, &c.

6 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

6:40 P. M.—For Plainfield.

7:30 P. M.—(Emigrant.)—For Easton.

9:15 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

11:45 P. M.—For Plainfield.

For Elizabeth, 6, 6:15, 6:40, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:45, 9, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15 A. M., 12 M., 12:40, 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 3:45, 4, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6, 6:20, 6:40, 7:15, 7:30, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 P. M.

For Rahway, 6:30, 7:20, 8, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15 A. M., 12 M., 12:40, 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 3:45, 4, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6, 6:20, 6:40, 7:15, 7:30, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 P. M.

R. E. RICKER, Superintendent and Engineer.

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For Red Bank and intermediate stations. Pier No. 35, North River, foot of Franklin st.:

Tues., 14th..... 3:00 P. M. | Wed., 15th..... 7:00 A. M.
Wed., 15th..... 3:00 P. M. | Thurs., 16th..... 7:00 A. M.
Thurs., 16th..... 3:00 P. M. | Fri., 17th..... 7:00 A. M.
Fri., 17th..... 3:30 P. M. | Sat., 18th..... 7:30 A. M.
Sat., 18th..... 3:30 P. M. | Mon., 20th..... 7:30 A. M.
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LEGAL NOTICES.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—IN AND FOR the City and County of New-York.—In the matter of HEGEMAN DUANE and ANDREW CLARKE, executors of the last will and testament of RALPH CLARK, deceased, plaintiffs, against KENNETH MACLEA, JOHN MURRAY, RICHARD W. NEWKIRK, and BENJAMIN MEAD, defendants.—Summons.—For Relief.—(Com. not served.)—To the defendants: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the City and County of New-York, at the new Court-house, in the City of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, No. 201 Broadway, in the City of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated April 10, 1874.

WM. H. INGERSOLL, Plaintiffs' Attorney.
New-York City.

The complaint above referred to was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the New-York County Court-house, on the 11th day of April, 1874.

WM. H. INGERSOLL, Plaintiffs' Attorney.
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SUPREME COURT.—ROBERT H. ARKENBURGH against J. LASKY and HERMAN BOCK.—Summons for money demand on contract.—(Com. not ser.)—No. 2.—To the above-named defendants: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the Court-house in New-York City, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, at No. 128 Broadway, New-York City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of four hundred and forty-one dollars and nineteen cents, with interest from the 18th day of March, 1874, besides the costs of this action and two dollars and five cents protest fees.—Dated March 20, 1874.

J. W. FERTER, Plaintiff's Attorney.

The complaint in the above action was filed in the New-York City and County Clerk's Office on the 28th day of March, 1874.

J. W. FERTER,
Plaintiff's Attorney.
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SUPREME COURT.—ROBERT H. ARKENBURGH against J. LASKY and HERMAN BOCK.—Summons for money demand on contract.—(Com. not ser.)—No. 1.—To the above-named defendants: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the Court-house in New-York City, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, at No. 128 Broadway, New-York City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of four hundred and forty dollars, with interest from the 19th day of February, 1874, besides the costs of this action, and two dollars and three cents protest fee.—Dated March 4, 1874.

J. W. FERTER, Plaintiff's Attorney.

The complaint in the above-entitled action was tied in the New-York City and County Clerk's Office on the 20th day of March, 1874.

J. W. FERTER,
Plaintiff's Attorney.
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HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

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DULL MARKET AND INDIFFERENT DEMAND.

THE PROSPECTS AMONG PROPERTY-OWNERS AND REAL ESTATE AGENTS—FAMILY RETRENCHMENT THE ORDER OF THE DAY.

The renting season of 1874 will be one that New-York real estate owners and agents will have comparatively little reason to look back upon with satisfaction. The market is just now in a closing-out condition, having at the extreme limit but two weeks longer to run, and among owners and agents there exists a rather depressed feeling, both as to what has been already accomplished and a prospects of what may yet be done. Everything has been thus far on a declining scale, with a dull market and very indifferent demand, and there is nothing now left to console property-owners but the hope that the Fall may prove an active one, and the Spring season of 1875 show a good healthy recovery. No one blames anybody but Congress for the existing state of affairs, and even then it is limited chiefly to complaints of the disinterestedness of their action, which kept back the needed legislation on financial affairs until the season of the year which should be the most active in commerce and trade has been frittered away with anxious delays, in which uncertainty as to the future served to paralyze action that might have been taken in the present. In one class of New-York real property, the more costly rents in the select locations, there is an apathy existing which has never before been known since the era of these fancy prices was inaugurated. Houses ranging from $3,500 to $5,000 per annum, which since the close of the war had always been able to command a choice of tenants, will stand unoccupied by the hundred this Summer, or will be rented at very great reductions from standard rates. The financial stringency of last Fall had much to do with producing this state of affairs, but, three months ago, property-owners and real estate agents looked forward to a brisk Spring trade to restore in a great measure the depression which the "panic" had created. When Congress began to debate on the currency question, a general system of "watch and wait" was inaugurated among all the capitalists and trade classes. The action of Congress was the pivot upon which turned the action of every man in business, and while, of course, a policy of contraction was favored on the one hand, there were those also who were equally clamorous for inflation. Weeks passed, and then months, and at last all men were alike clamorous for "action!" As the season crept away men threw their "policies" and "theories" to the winds, and called on Congress to contract or expand the finances at their pleasure, or even to leave the finances alone—anything, so that men might know where they stood before venturing into investment. Now, however, the "harvest is past" and little has been accomplished, and, as a consequence, the people have had to set themselves to their own policy—a policy of contraction of personal and domestic expenditure. In a city where, as in New-York, rents of all classes are ordinarily with one of the first subjects of economy that suggests itself is this one. This necessity has driven a large proportion of the class who formerly occupied the higher rated houses to the middle-class domiciles, where they may dwell in comparative respectability by paying from $1,800 to $3,000 per year. The consequence has been a fair demand for that grade of property. Then, again, many hundreds of families have adopted a still sterner alternative by giving up housekeeping and engaging board in first-class houses. The Spring has been an unusually mild one, and there will be, undoubtedly, an early opening of the Summer season "out of town." Another large class has betaken itself to the less pretentious, though, to some extent, popular system of French flats, and the last resort has been found in a change of location to New-Jersey or Brooklyn. The same general causes have operated, though in a less marked degree, down through all the grades of houses, and the agents express the belief that it is now too late to expect any further or better results than those already attained. Nearly all the leases made this year have been short. As a rule in the higher grades of property, leases have ranged from three to five years. Landlords have been usually desirous of long engagements this Spring, for there was no way of getting them but by cutting down present rates, and this they could not afford to do. They have undoubtedly in many cases reduced their demands where tenants proved desirable, so as not to leave their property entirely revenueless and unoccupied, but while doing so it was only to bridge over the present emergency, and leases have, as a rule, been made only for a year at these reductions. Hope buoys them up for a better prospect next year, and they will not be trammeled in such a way as to lose the chance of taking the advantage of it. As usual, there is a large percentage of tenants holding back this year—larger, perhaps, than is customary. They hope to be able to come in at the tail of the race and catch landlords at a disadvantage, when they fear lest they may be left tenantless. There was a time in New-York when the tenant ran considerable risk in trying such a manœuvre as this; but that is not the case at present. The laxity of the season in the tenants' advantage in most large cities, but property-owners in New-York have more tenacity in regard to their rates than to allow them to drop suddenly. The rate of taxation is very high, and owners are apt to vow, perhaps rashly, that they will let their property stand idle sooner than lease it at rates which do not compensate them. There is a preponderance of the "sink or swim" idea among them, and, for the most obvious reasons, they cling to it. Lessees as a class are always found very energetic in condemning the rapacity of property-owners, but they do not thoroughly appreciate the strain that is brought to bear in the way of taxes and assessments to create this rapacious instinct. While there has been some slight decline perhaps in rents, it is not to such an extent as to be perceptible to the masses, and among the trades people and working-classes, the busy bees in the hive of Metropolitan industries, it will be unfelt. With those who seldom occupy a whole house, but dwell generally on flats, the season has been as severe as among any others. A large proportion of them have had little or no employment during the Winter, and the prospects are that the tenement-houses will be very full during the coming Summer. Many of them have been compelled to reduce their expenditures in the same relative ratio as people in the higher social strata, the difference being that where the latter come from $4,000 down to $2,000 or $2,500 rents, the former are eking out so as to reduce their monthly rates by a couple of dollars. Of course, it need not, by any means, be feared that the Metropolis will degenerate into a conglomeration of unoccupied domiciles, but there will be found a large proportion of its most valuable real estate paying little or no revenue during the year, and the chances are that mortgages, plentiful as they are now in the hands of capitalists, will become still more abundant before the 1st day of May, 1875.

RENTS IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, April 19.—Rents in this city have come down very perceptibly during the last few weeks, approaching very nearly to those of antipanic times. Prominent agents say this is not from our surplus of available houses, but by reason of the financial situation. Generally speaking, the market is dull for high-priced houses, and active for houses of moderate rents. Houses of seven or nine rooms and cottages are to let for $25, where last year they brought $35, per month. Marble-fronted residences of thirteen rooms and upward, situate on Michigan and other high-priced avenues, rent for from $1,800 to $2,800. Offices and stores are plentiful, but do not rent at such reasonable rates. In the best locations fine first-class stores are vacant because the owner asks too much rent for his premises. Numerous cards bearing the legend "to rent" are to be seen on every hand, but with the 1st of May many of these will disappear, and buildings which are now comparatively lifeless will teem with business-like activity.

A WOMAN AND HER BABE PERISHING FROM WANT.

A sad case of destitution was discovered in the Nineteenth Precinct Saturday afternoon. Mary Apple, a German woman, tottered into the Police station with a babe in her arms. She was miserably clad, and her pinched face betokened extreme want and suffering. She told the Sergeant that her husband was dead, and she for a long time had been unable to obtain work of any kind. One by one her little stock of household goods had been sold to meet her extreme necessities until at length all was gone. Unable to pay her rent, she had been turned from her tenement, and had pawned her underclothes for a little money to buy food. Sick and utterly destitute, she said that she was starving and had no friend to assist her. She added that she had eaten nothing for twenty-four hours, and that her babe was dying. The kind-hearted Sergeant ordered an officer to take the poor woman and her child to Bellevue Hospital, where she was kindly received and taken care of.

IMPORTANT REVENUE DECISION.

THE PLATT & BOYD CASE—THE BOOKS LEGALLY SEIZED—THEIR RETURN ORDERED.

Judge Blatchford, of the United States District Court, rendered his decision on Saturday in the case of Platt & Boyd against the United States. In July last the Custom-house authorities seized the books and papers of this firm, which was accused of making false invoices of their glass importations. Last month they petitioned the court for the return of these papers and books and for the vacating of the warrants by virtue of which the seizure was made. The case was fully argued at the time the petition was presented, and the Judge yesterday rendered his decision. In substance that decision is as follows: The principal question discussed on the hearing of the petition was as to the constitutionality of the provision of the statute under which the warrants were issued. That provision is the second section of the act of March 2, 1867. It reads: "Whenever it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Judge of the District Court for any district in the United States, by complaint and affidavit, that any fraud on the revenue has been committed by any person or persons interested or in any way engaged in the importation or entry of merchandise at any port within such district, such Judge shall forthwith issue his warrant, directed to the Marshal of the district, requiring said Marshal, by himself or deputy, to enter any place or premises where any invoices, books, or papers are deposited relating to the merchandise in respect to which such fraud is alleged to have been committed, and to take possession of such books or papers, and produce them before the said Judge, and any invoice books or papers so seized shall be subject to the order of said Judge, who shall allow the examination of the same by the Collector of Customs of the port into which the said fraudulent importation shall have been made, or by any officer duly authorized by said Collector. And such invoices, books, or papers may be retained by such Judge as long as in his opinion the retention thereof may be necessary. But no warrant for said seizure shall be issued unless the complainant shall set forth the character of the fraud alleged, the nature of the same, and the importations in respect to which it was committed, and the papers to be seized. And the warrant issued on such complaint, with report of service and proceedings thereon, shall be returned as other warrants to the court of the district within which said Judge presides." It was urged by counsel for the petitioners that this statute conflicts with the fourth and fifth amendments of the Constitution, providing for the security of person and property from unreasonable searches and seizures, and that no such warrants shall issue except upon probable cause, and in the prescribed form, also that "no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." The decision cites the provision of the Constitution giving to Congress the power to collect duties, and also the acts of Congress prescribing the manner in which such duties shall be collected. The act of July, 1789, contains several provisions empowering Custom-house officers to seize goods suspected of having paid duty, to enter ships or houses for the purpose of searching for such goods, even without warrant. These searches could not be considered unreasonable within the meaning of the fourth amendment, either where there was a warrant or where there was no warrant. Neither were they regarded as in conflict with the amendment providing that no one shall be deprived of his property, without due process of law. These seizures were summary and severe, but were in the exercise of the power existing in Congress for the collection of duties on imports. In aid of the provisions of the act of 1799, Congress, by the seventh section of the act of March 3, 1863, enacted that a district Judge shall issue his warrant for the seizure of books and papers where fraudulent entries are suspected of having been made, for carrying them away for inspection, and empowering them to retain them as long as may be deemed necessary in the opinion of the Solicitor of the Treasury. This act covered cases of attempted fraud. The repealing act of 1867 quoted above, covers cases of committed fraud. The basis of the proceeding authorized by this act is the commission of a fraud on the revenue by an importer, that is a fraud depriving the Government of revenue. It, therefore, concerns the enforcement of the laws for the collection of revenues and is in the aid of such collection. The complaint and the warant in this case are regular and sufficiently specific. It would have been proper for the officers of the Customs to have seized the goods therein specified for the payment of duties. This might have been done either with or without a warrant. The law requiring the payment of duties on imports, provides for the seizure of dutiable goods for trial, and a search is properly a part of the means of seizure. These provisions for search and seizure have never been questions as in conflict with the Constitution. If imported goods may be searched for and seized because alleged to be imported or entered in fraud of the revenue, it is difficult to see why books and papers, which relate to such goods, may not be searched for, and seized and examined. The books and papers to be searched for are such as will show the fraud. The fourth amendment to the Constitution has just as much relation to "papers" as "effects," and no more. Under the fifth amendment merchandise and books and papers are equally "property." Books and papers relating to frauds on the revenue cannot be said to be unreasonably searched for and seized if search and seizure of the goods be not so. And if the seizure of the latter be not depriving a person of his property without due process of law, neither can the seizure of the former. His Honor then reviews at length the many opinions delivered from time to time by Judges throughout the country upon the different points raised, together with the principal objections urged against the constitutionality of the different acts involved, and concludes by holding the act under which the warrants for the seizure of these books and papers were issued, constitutional. On the subject of their further retention he said: The warrants were executed in July, 1873. The petition for their return was sworn to on the 12th of March, 1874. It appears by said petition that three suits brought against Platt & Boyd by the United States are now pending. They are for the recovery of money on account of these alleged frauds. It must be assumed that they were adequately examined before the suits were brought, and, if not, that abundant time has elapsed, not only for their examination, but also for copying from them such portions as relate to the subject matter of the warrants. The defendants set up that these documents are necessary to a thorough preparation of their defense. Therefore, he says that he considers the petitioners entitled to an order that the Marshal return these books and papers to them forthwith, and unconditionally.

MOVEMENTS OF THE POLICE JUSTICES.

The 1st of May has been decided on by the Board of Police Justices for the inauguration of the novel rule of each Justice changing from his own district into the district of some other Justice. Under the old board the faces of the Justices were quite familiar to the petty politicians in their locality The contemplated change will continue over the months of May, June, July, and August, at the expiration of which time another change for the then ensuing four months will take effect; and so rotation will continue on to the end of the Justices' terms. What the effect of this will be is an absorbing topic of conversation in and around the various courts. It is not at all welcome intelligence to the hangers-on who used to flourish around the courts under the old board and are still desirous of making capital out of pretended influence. The following is an authentic list of the names of the Judges and the courts to which they will be transferred; also, the courts where they preside at present.

To the First District, or Tombs Court, Justices Kilbreth and Flammer, from Jefferson and Essex markets. To the Second District, Jefferson Market Court, Justices Murray and Morgan, from Yorkville and the Tombs. To the Third District, Essex Market, Justices Bixby and Kasmire, from the Tombs and Yorkville. To the Fourth District, Yorkville, Justices Smith and Sherwood, Courts from Harlem and Jefferson Market to the Fifth District, Harlem, Justices Otterburg and Wandell, the former from Essex Market Court. Justice Wandell at present presides at Harlem, and it is thought that he will either be left there or sent to the Tombs in place of Justice Kilbreth.

The Justices are already putting their courts in order, in anticipation of the change.

SUNDAY COCK-FIGHTING—AN OLD PIT DEMOLISHED.

Yesterday, during the forenoon, a number of suspicious-looking roughs assembled in an old tumble-down house, formerly an hotel, situated in a lot between Eighth and Ninth avenues, and near One Hundred and Twentieth street. The gang kept on increasing until some fifty in number were assembled in and around the building. Of these two belonged to the force of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Among the rocks and trees were stationed other officers, and a squad of Police were also concealed at a convenient distance among the rocks. Owing to a disagreement the crowd failed to come to terms in regard to the matching of game-cocks. Some expressed their fears of being "pulled," and altogether an uneasy and suspicious feeling pervaded the "pit." After waiting some hours and finding that many of the crowd left, and no signals being received from the "lookout" on the roof, Superintendent Hartfield and Sergt. Fitzgerald signaled their forces and a rush was made on all four sides of the building at once. The old wreck of a house shook with the frantic efforts of the cock-fighters to get out, and doors, windows, and cellar-traps flew open, giving egress to the "sports." They dashed away in all directions, over fences, rocks, and bushes. Each officer grabbed the first man he could get, and the old rookery underwent a search. In a room on the first floor was found the pit, a good square, old-fashioned one, in which, no doubt, many a main had been fought before. In this room were found seven men, who were arrested, and taken to the station-house. Several game cocks were seized, and the pit was demolished. All the other men were released, and soon disappeared. The raid caused quite an excitement in the neighborhood. The Sunday-school children and congregations were wending their way homeward, and stared with astonishment, and many riders pulled up by the roadside and witnessed the proceedings.

PROF. HAWKINS' APPEAL.

HISTORY OF CONNECTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS—THE RECONSTRUCTION DESTROYED.

Prof. B. Waterhouse Hawkins has presented an appeal to the Commissioners of Parks, "asking them for compensation for their breach of contract and for the losses he has sustained in time and reputation, for which he was in no way responsible, as well as for the loss of other opportunities for employment, which his engagement with the park compelled him to forego." He asks for $16,757 40, which includes the balance due on salary for two years and five months, $12,083 34; interest on the same for two years and five months, $2,044 06; expenses incurred in 1868, $2,000, and interest on the same for four years and six months. The appeal contains a succinct history of Mr. Hawkins' connection with the department since the first letter written him by Mr. Green, the Controller of the Parks, May 2, 1868. This is briefly as follows:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PARK, No. 31 NASSAU STREET, NEW-YORK, May 2, 1868.

DEAR SIR: Recognizing the interest that has long attended your restorations of the forms of extinct animals in Europe, the Commissioners of the Central Park have thought that a similar work in the direction of reconstituting the phenomena of the ancient epochs of this continent, would be of equal scientific value and of especial interest in an educational point of view.

It gives me great pleasure in their behalf to propose to you to undertake the resuscitation of a group of animals of the former periods of the American Continent. * * I think I may promise you the sympathy and support of the scientific men of this country, and that museums and collections of fossil treasures, public and private, will be freely opened for such examinations as you may desire to make in the prosecution of this interesting undertaking. With great respect,

ANDREW H. GREEN, Controller of the Park.

B. WATERHOUSE HAWKINS, Esq.

From the twelfth annual report, page 30, Mr. Hawkins quotes: "The board has availed itself of the stay in this country of Mr. B. Waterhouse Hawkins, whose reconstruction of extinct animals of the Old World have been so well received in England, to engage his services for the restoration, for the museum of the park, of a group of the animals of this continent." He proceeds to relate how his agreement was signed and approved May 16, 1868, and his salary fixed at $5,000 a year, beginning on the 18th of the same month. The groups to be restored, it was understood, would require not less than five years of his labor, and Mr. Hawkins accordingly made arrangements to remain in this country for that length of time, declining, meanwhile, all offers of employment in England and everywhere. Under his arrangement, the appeal states that Mr. Hawkins was instructed to seek for American fossils in various museums, and he, therefore visited Chicago and other cities, and remains of interest were modeled for the park, after restoring the missing portions and adding them. The expenses herein incurred amounted to $2,000, which was never refunded. The animal selected to begin the group was the Hadra-Saurus; a creature of a reptilian character, twenty-six feet in length and fourteen in height, found in the marl beds of New-Jersey. It was considered very valuable by the board, as shown in its twelfth annual report. Mr. Hawkins then tells how the drawing of groups to be furnished was accepted and approved by the Commissioners, and incorporated in the thirteenth annual report, and this work, recognized by the Commissioners, Mr. Hawkins says, could not have been executed in less than five years. During the two years and a half that the appellant was employed at the park six months were spent in designing and manufacturing that portion of the zoological gardens in Manhattan square, between Ninth avenue and Seventy-first street. In 1870, under the Ring administration of the park, he was notified that his services were to be suspended, and that portion of his salary due was paid him. In the May following all the valuable materials he had collected —models, molds, casts, &c.—had been broken up by order of the then existing board. This action called forth the condemnation of Prof. Henry, of the Smithsonian Institute, and several foreign and domestic journals of science. In 1871, with the return of the former Commissioners, the appellant hoped to be reinstated; but he was not, despite the memorial for that purpose, signed by many prominent citizens of New-York, artists of the National Academy of Design, and resolutions from the Lyceum of Natural History. Notwithstanding the little attention paid to these Prof. Hawkins, having received the assurance of the President of the Board that his former honors in the department might be revived, remained in the country. Now finding that he can sustain himself no longer, and for the other reasons stated at the beginning of this article, Prof. Hawkins appeals to the board.

THE WILLIAMSBURG CHURCH TROUBLE.

REV. MR. KENDRICK IN COURT—THE CHURCH DOORS CLOSED AGAINST HIM.

News that an injunction was issued against Mr. Kendrick by Judge Neilson, of the Brooklyn City Court, reached Williamsburg at an early hour Saturday evening, and occasioned much comment. Among the members of the church itself the party feeling already prevailing was greatly inflamed. A party of those who uphold the verdict against him, among whom, it is alleged, were Theodore Cocheu, Mr. Pearsall, Jr., Mr. Tenney, and Hezekiah Miller, in company with Under Sheriff Dygert, armed with a copy of the injunction, were searching for Mr. Kendrick up to 12 o'clock Saturday night, but without effect. Yesterday being Sunday, the papers could not be served. The church-door was locked against the choir, who came there for practice on Saturday evening, but were forced to adjourn until some more favorable season. By 10 o'clock yesterday morning a large crowd, including a strong proportion of the members friendly toward the Pastor, had gathered in the street in front of the church, the doors of which had been securely locked by the anti-Kendrick partisans. At 10:30, or thereabouts, Mr. Kendrick made his appearance, and was welcomed with great heartiness by his friends and most of the spectators. On finding the doors locked against him, Mr. Kendrick, in response to a general invitation, made a short address, exhorting those present to disperse in good order, and not attempt in any way to imitate the very bad example set by his enemies. He would be there again at 7:30 P. M. in the discharge of his duty, and, if the doors were open, would conduct the usual Sunday evening service. Among the agitators were Capt. Woglom, Sergeants Hallett and Allen, and three or four patrolmen of the Forty-fifth Precinct. The main body of the assemblage then dispersed, those more interested lingering behind to discuss and ponder the situation and probable action of the society. The Kendrick party, who are now, as before, largely in the majority, charge the opposition with forging the name of one of the Trustees, Mr. Geo. Mainwaring, to the application upon which Judge Neilson granted the injunction. Mr. Kendrick has placed his case in the hands of his legal advisers, and is confident of a favorable decision by Saturday, the 25th, the day on which the order is returnable.

TEN-MILE WALKING MATCH FOR $1,000 AND THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

No pedestrian contest that ever took place in this country, since Davis and Cozad ran for $4,000, has created such interest and excitement as the forthcoming ten-mile walking match for $1,000 and the championship of America, between Edward Mullen, of Boston, and Wm. Brown, of New-York. Sporting men from Boston, Fall River, Taunton, Providence, Philadelphia, and Buffalo, have already arrived to witness and speculate on the race. The contest is to take place at Deerfoot Park, Long Island, to-morrow, rain or shine. Eastern sporting men place great confidence on their champion, and are backing him at odds of $100 to $80. Mullen has been training at Deerfoot Park for the past two weeks, under the mentorship of John Haydock, the champion 100-mile walker. Brown has been training at Tony Miller's, at Bayside, Long Island, under the care of his brother, Thomas Brown, of Providence. The race was to have been decided on the 7th inst., but the men failed to agree upon a Referee, and, besides, the track was not fit for a walking match. Brown was willing to walk in the mud, and Mullen appeared to be, but the backers of the latter refused to let him walk, and paid Brown $40 to postpone the race until the 21st inst. Large sums of money have been wagered on the result, and it is feared a disturbance will interrupt the contest.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Mme. Janauschek is at Barnum's Hotel.

Paymaster H. T. Skelding, United States Navy, is at the Hoffman House.

J. M. Johnson, of the Buffalo *Courier*, is at the Coleman House.

Mme. Pauline Lucca, Sir Antonio Brady, of London, and Dr. Alexander Turnbull, of Scotland, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Max Strakosch, Signor Muzio, and Miss Annie Louise Cary are at the Everett House.

Mme. Nilsson-Rouzaud, Commander E. P. Lull, United States Navy; Capt. Thomas H. Handbury, of West Point; R. B. Angus, Manager of the Bank of Montreal, and Henry G. Barker, of the Boston *Gazette*, are at the Windsor Hotel.

POSTSCRIPT.

TIMES OFFICE, APRIL 20, 3 O'CLOCK, A. M.

THE AMERIQUE.

THE STEAMER FREE FROM WATER—CONDITION OF THE VESSEL WHEN FOUND.

PLYMOUTH, April 20—5 A. M.—The French steamer Amerique is now free of water.

When she was first boarded by the Spray her cargo had shifted, and she careened badly, but she was afterward righted.

ARKANSAS.

AN ANTI-BAXTER VIEW OF THE CASE.

ST. LOUIS, April 20—12:20 A. M.—A special dispatch to the *Democrat* from Little Rock this A. M. says the situation is essentially unchanged. The presence of the United States troops prevent any aggressive demonstration on the part of the Baxter forces. Crowds throng the streets, eager to learn of the projected movements.

Brooks obtaining possession of the Executive Office has excited comment and provoked questions abroad which require passing notice, in justice to that gentleman. Ever since the question of contesting his rights to the immunities and prerogatives of the office of Governor in judicial tribunals, Baxter has repeatedly and openly asserted he would neither respect nor abide by any decision of the courts adverse to him. His July speech contained invective and threats of resistance to any judicial order restraining the exercise of said official functions. While the question of *quo warranto* was under advisement in the Supreme Court, he deposed his Republican Militia officers, called around him the Southern Democratic element, recruited his Militia, surrounded the State-house with armed guards, entrenched himself in the Executive office and dared not venture beyond the Executive precincts; and when it was announced that a decision would be reached, he prepared a proclamation declaring martial law, sent a Major General of militia with a proclamation in his pocket to the Supreme Court-room, with instructions that, should the decision be adverse to him, to read the proclamation, and arrest the members of the court. These facts are well known, and other States understand but little the circumstances which have transpired.

Mr. Brooks has promptly acquiesced in the order of Col. Rose directing all armed men be kept off the streets, and has withdrawn his sentinels from the State-house grounds, but maintains a warlike attitude within the capitol.

Dispatches received here from Mr. Wilshire, of the Arkansas delegation in Congress, to Governor Baxter asking him to have United States District Attorney Harrington contradict the statement made in the Lower House of Congress yesterday by Mr. Hynes concerning the seizure of the telegraph office here and, suspension of dispatches. Baxter wrote a reply for Harrington to sign, but that gentleman declined, and sent a telegram himself confirming Hynes' statement from his own and other officials' personal experience. A short to-day from amid the crowd on the streets that the insurgents were coming produced an electric effect at the State-house. In an instant the barricades were swarming with musketry, the field-pieces manned, and the windows filled with determined defenders, and the entire garrison alert and ready for fight. The alarm was false, but the effect very suggestive.

Late dispatches from Washington are more than favorable to Gov. Brooks, and say that Baxter, in putting himself above the laws, has undertaken a task that must prove disastrous.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Sir Lambton Lorraine left the Brevoort House for Washington on Saturday evening.

A fire occurred last evening in the apartments of Abraham Saphio, on the first-story of the tenement-house No. 13 Forsyth street, causing $100 damage.

Prof. Schem, formerly connected with the *German-American Encyclopedia*, has been appointed to fill the newly-created office of, Assistant Superintendent of Public Schools, for foreign languages.

An unknown colored man, apparently about thirty years of age, was found at 6 o'clock yesterday morning lying insensible at the corner of Houston and Thompson streets, and was removed to Bellevue Hospital.

John Madigan, one of the convicts who escaped from the guard-boat at Blackwell's Island, on Friday last, was arrested last evening by Patrolman Fagan, of the Thirteenth Precinct, and locked up. He will be taken back to the Penitentiary to-day.

The burial of the remains of the late Nathaniel C. Bishop, which were exhumed at the request of Mrs. Bishop, did not take place yesterday as was expected, in consequence of the arrangements for the religious services not being completed in time. The result of the analysis by Prof. Doremus will not be announced for some weeks to come.

John Green, residing at No. 182 Eldridge street, was arrested by Officer Dyer, of the Tenth Precinct, and locked up by Justice Otterbourg, at the Essex Market Police Court, yesterday, on a charge of receiving stolen goods. A few days ago five kegs of nails, stolen from a hardware store in Grand street, were traced to No. 182 Eldridge street.

Mr. Rufus Hatch, Vice President of the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company, writes to contradict the dispatch published yesterday, which stated that the steam-ships Constitution, from Panama, and the China, from Hong Kong, were due on Saturday at San Francisco, and had not arrived. He states that these steamers will not be due until to-morrow.

STABBING AFFRAY.

About 11:30 o'clock Saturday night A. Dixon, of No. 301 East Thirty-ninth street, was stabbed in the abdomen in C. Strube's liquor-saloon, at Thirty-second street and Third avenue. Dixon, with William Fraser, of No. 415 Ninth avenue; Augustus C. Sonney, of No. 1,113 Third avenue; William Gill, of No. 324 East Twenty-ninth street, and Joe Leahey, were drinking at the bar. A dispute arose, and a stranger—a friend of Gill's—drew a knife, which Fraser took away from him. Then a fight ensued in which Gill says he was cut through the lip by Sonney, who had a knife in his hand. All the party were then ejected, and as they were being rushed out the door, Dixon cried "Oh, my God! I'm stabbed." He fell fainting to the floor. Sonney and Fraser ran after Gill, whom they thought was the assassin. They shouted "Murder! watch," and Officers Breakell and Darwin ran to their aid. Gill was caught, and all were taken to the Thirty-fifth Street Police Station. Dixon had in the meantime been revived, and he, too, was taken to the station. There he said that Gill was not the man who stabbed him. He described the assassin as a person about medium height, with black hair and moustache. Capt. Allaire immediately sent out his officers to capture the assailant. Dixon was taken into the back-room and restoratives were administered. His wound was a small puncture, evidently made with a penknife. It seemed very deep, and caused great pain when he breathed. Dr. Phelps, the Police Surgeon, soon afterward arrived, and examined the wound. He did not probe it, but thought that the intestines had not been cut. He advised that Dixon be taken home, and ordered him to take the best of care of himself, or the wound would result fatally. Gill accused Sonney of cutting his hip, and both the men were locked up.

KILLED ON THE RAILROAD.

A lad named William James, employed as a duster by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, met his death in a singular manner, at South Amboy, a few days ago. He was riding over a switch on one step of the tender of a train on the coal docks. The rear car of a coal train stood in such close proximity to the switch as scarcely to leave room for the engine on which James was riding to pass. He was crushed between the tender and a coal car, and so terribly injured that he died almost instantly. No inquest was held, and the body was buried under authority of a permit.

A SCENE AT THE QUEENS COUNTY JAIL.

The scenes at the Queens County Jail, at North Hempstead, on Friday evening, after Gilligan had received his sentence to State Prison for life for the murder of Philip Reid Howard, were decidedly dramatic. When he had been committed to his cell Mrs. Howard, the wife of the murdered man, asked permission to have an interview with him, which was granted. When brought face to face with the murderer of her husband, she was almost overcome by emotion, and Gilligan, too, was visibly affected. Partially recovering herself, she asked Gilligan whether her husband spoke at all after being shot, and, if so, what he said. "Indeed, Madam," said Gilligan, "I didn't stop to hear anything, for as soon as I fired I ran away as fast as I could go." This, it will be seen, is in direct contradiction to what was sworn to on the trial by Lennon, who insisted that they did not run away. After this interview with Mrs. Howard, Gilligan completely broke down, and filled the jail with his lamentations. His vociferations were so loud and continuous that Sheriff Smith concluded it best at once to remove him to Sing Sing, and he was accordingly sent to that institution yesterday evening, in charge of Deputy Sheriff Bennett.

ANOTHER CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL.

The Council of Brooklyn Congregational Churches called by the State Street Church to pass upon the resignation of Dr. Isaac C. Merserve, its late Pastor, meets at the church in State street this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Letters missive have been issued, signed by Dr. Merserve and five members, on behalf of the society, to the following churches, each of whom have signified their intention of being present by delegates: Clinton Avenue Church, Dr. Budington; the Church of the Covenant, Classon avenue, corner of Baltic street; the Elm Place Congregational Church, the Church of the Mediator, the New-England Congregational Church, the Church of the Pilgrims, Plymouth Church, the South Congregational Church, and the State Street Church. In the Congregational polity, this sort of council occupies much the same place as the Synod in the Presbyterian scheme of church government. When it is wished to dismiss a man from or organ one to the ministry, it is customary to call such a council to act in an advisory capacity. As stated in the letters missive, the object of the convention is as follows: "To review our action, and if it seem right, to confirm it." Plymouth Church will be represented by the usual number of delegates appointed by its Pastor.

THE FUNERAL OF WILLIAM BARBER.

The funeral of William Barber, who died suddenly on the 16th of this month, took place yesterday from the Seventh Assembly District Lincoln Club Rooms, No. 12 University place. The spacious parlors of the club were crowded with gentlemen and ladies, and among the mourners were the brother and the aged father of the deceased. The rooms were draped in mourning, and the coffin was covered with floral tributes. The funeral ceremonies, of a peculiarly impressive character, were conducted by Rev. Dr. Abbot, of the Washington Square Methodist Episcopal Church. About thirty carriages followed the hearse, and the funeral procession was headed by the members of the Lincoln Club, wearing crape on their left arm. The body was interred in Green-Wood Cemetery. Mr. Barber, a hard-working mechanic, and a young man, only in his thirty-seventh year, had endeared himself because of his sterling character and amiability to a host of friends, and they sincerely regret his death. He was a native of New-York City, and served during the late war in the Fifty-ninth Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers. While in the army he was captured by the Confederates, and suffered for several months in the Richmond prisons. In the days of the old Volunteer Fire Department he was a member of No. 13 Engine Company, and a number of his old comrades attended his funeral yesterday.

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR.

In order to give effect to the donation recently made by Mr. Shakespear Caldwell for the establishment of a home for old people in Richmond, a bill has been passed by the Senate, at Washington, to incorporate "The Little Sisters of the Poor in Richmond." The bill proposes that Lucie Debrouckers, known in religion as Sister Sidonia Joseph; Marie Agnes Laisné, known as Sister Marie des Apôtres; Marie Rearden, known as Sister Sainte Enna, and their associates, be charged with the management of the institution. The corporation is to have power to receive money or personal property by gift or bequest, and to receive, by purchase or otherwise, lands not exceeding one acre, to be occupied as such home, and to erect thereon such buildings as may be necessary, the money and other personal property intrusted to the corporation for this object being limited to the sum of $250,000.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

BOSTON, April 18.—There was no change of importance in the wool market for the past week. The Woolen goods are still very much depressed, with no prospect of any immediate improvement, and it is only on account of the small stock of Wool on the market that the present prices are maintained. Sales in a fair average, but most of the business had been done by a comparatively few houses. Straight lots of Ohio and Pennsylvania Fleeces are wanted, and good Medium Extra and Double Extra readily command 56@56c., and choice Double Extra and above 57c. These prices are 2c.@3c. ₱ lb. higher than the current rates at this time last year, but the entire stock of fine fleeces now on the market is scarcely large enough for an average week's business, and the few holders of this description are enabled to realize extreme prices. The scarcity of fine Fleeces is turning the attention of manufacturers to fine Foreign. There continues to be considerable inquiry for Combing Fleeces, and 100,000 lbs. Domestic have been sold at 59c.@62c. Pulled Wools continue in demand; sales of week amount to 238,000 lbs. Some lots of choice Eastern and Maine Supers have been sold at 52c.@57c., but bulk of sales have been at 45c.@50c. for Supers and Extras. Low grades of Pulled are still quite dull and neglected. Sales during week of Ohio and Pennsylvania, including Common No. 1 Treble Extra, and above, at 51c.@57c.; Michigan, 50c.@53c.; Western New-York, New-Hampshire, and Maine, 43c.@55c.; Delaine and Combing Fleeces, 57c.@62½c.; Tub-washed, low grades, 45c.@53c.; Unwashed, 27½c.@37½c.; Coarse and Medium, 30@32c. Stock of Sugar in warehouse at Havana and Matanzas, 314,500 hxs. and 29,000 hhds.; receipts of the week, 38,000 hxs. and 13,000 hhds.; exports during the week, 25,000 hxs. and 10,000 hhds., including 9,100 hxs. and all the hogsheads to the United States. Bacon quiet and firm at 6¾@8 ₱ cwt. Butter—Superfine American, $76@$78 ₱ quintal; Goshen, $83@$85. Flour weak at $25@26 ₱ bbl. Hams—American Sugar-cured in fair demand at $35@37 ₱ quintal. Lard firm: in kegs, $27 50@28 ₱ quintal; in tins, $29@$31. Potatoes nominal. Tallow firm at $22. Wax—Yellow in fair demand; White firmer at $25@28 ₱ arroba. Honey nominal. Onions nominal. Naval Stores in fair demand. Coal-oil quiet at 58@66 reals ₱ gallon. Empty Hogsheads in fair demand. Lumber—White Pine Orm; Pitch Pine nominal. Box Shooks weak at 16@18 reals. Hogshead Shooks—Sugar in fair demand at 42@44 reals; Molasses dull at 32 reals. Hoops quiet; Long Shaved at $85@105 ₱ 1,000. Freights dull. Loading at Havana for the United States: For Boxes of Sugar, ⅞@1 ₱ hhd. of Sugar $3 50@$4; to Falmouth and orders, 42s. 6d.@45s. Loading at other ports on the north coast, for the United States per hhd. of Molasses, $3 50@$3 75. To Falmouth and orders, 47s. 6d.@50s. per ton. Exchange quiet. On the United States 60 days' currency, 104@105 premium; short sight, 107@108 premium; 60 days' gold, 132@133 premium; short sight, 136 premium; on London, 160@162 premium; on Paris, 130@131 premium.

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PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

In steam-ship City of Richmond, from Liverpool.—E. S. Inman, E. Gerard, A. Henderson, F. Spiera, Mr. Coon, F. Bold, T. Bold, Jr., Miss M. A. Wood, W. V. Brown, H. Bishop, W. Glendenning, J. Fennessey, Miss Fennessey, Miss E. Fennessey, Mrs. E. Jackson, Miss E. Thompson, F. Clibbon, Mrs. McDonald, D. C. Jaccard, daughter, and son, E. H. Duval, H. Robertson, B. Homans, J. Garvis, Miss S. F. Townsend, J. P. Reynolds, B. F. Price, Mrs. Buckley, S. M. Geraltty, Mrs. Bishop, G. Heydecker, Mrs. Fennessey and two children, Miss Jackson, Miss McDonald, Mme. Jaccard and son, Mrs. Cunningham and four children, W. Greenham, M. Mallon, R. G. Batten, Mr. Coombe, Miss Price, Mr. Price, Miss Buckley, C. R. Osborn, G. Bussing, Mrs. Heydecker and daughter, Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Evans and daughter, Miss O'Callaghan, Mrs. F. Greenham.

In steam-ship Chiaa, from Liverpool.—G. Chiapella, Mrs. Dreydel and child, Mr. and Mrs. Hambly, Patrick Moir, Walter G. White, Miss Marie Louise Gambet, John R. Morewood, Miss Annie R.